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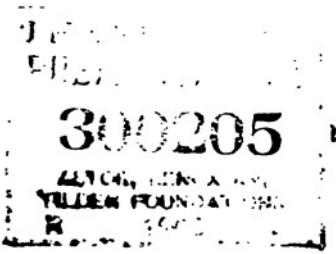
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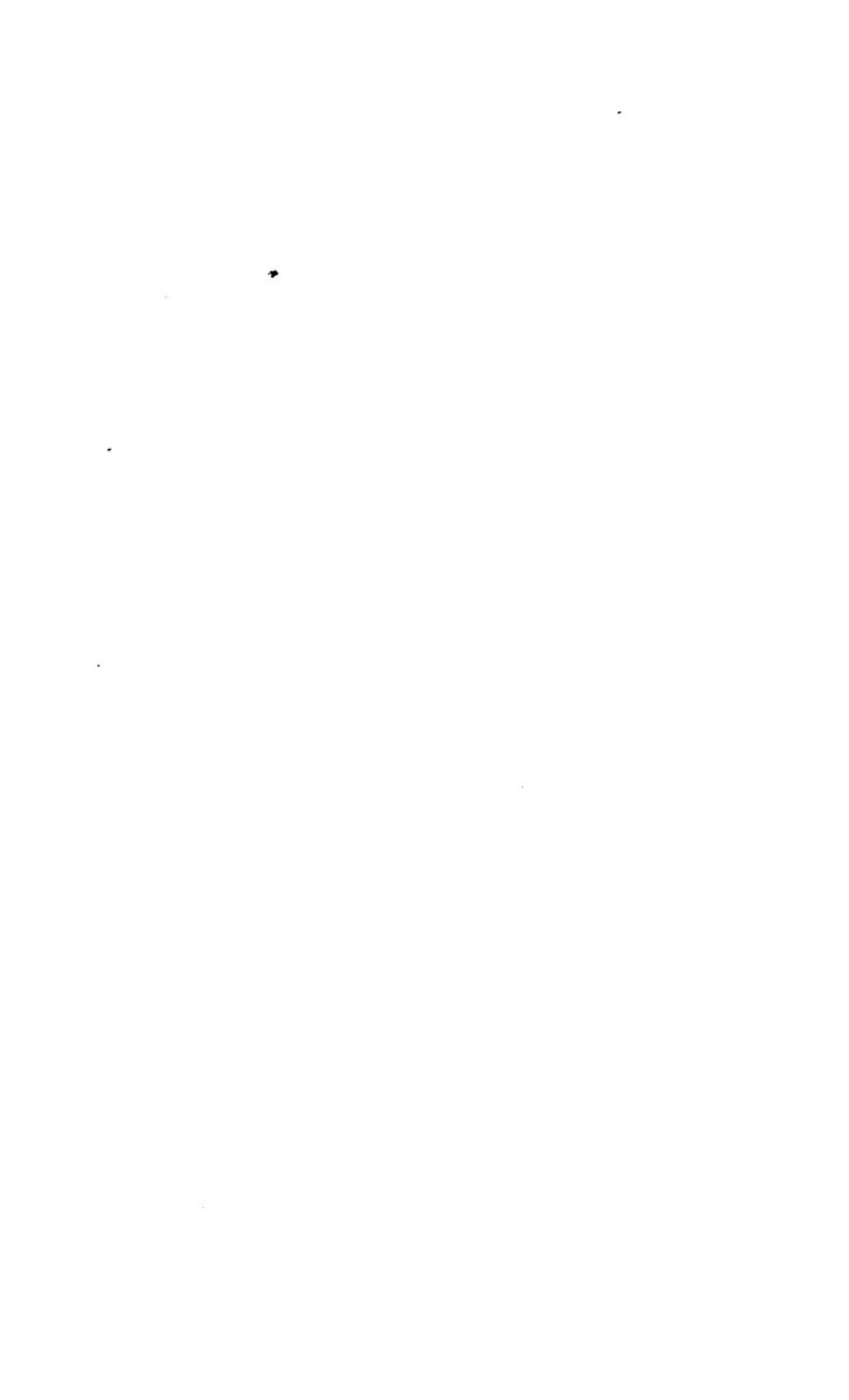
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## *WHY?*

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*Why do not words, and kiss, and solemn pledge,  
And nature that is kind in Woman's breast,  
And reason that in Man is wise and good,  
And fear of Him who is a righteous Judge,  
Why do not these prevail for human life,  
To keep two hearts together that began  
Their spring-time with one love?*

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH.



## INTRODUCTORY.

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MARRIAGE, to judge by published beliefs and opinions,—and literature is full of them,—is one of the world's greatest paradoxes. It is, according to one, an institution ordained by God, and, according to another, a social contrivance invented by the devil ; it is a survival of paradise, and a fore-taste of purgatory ; it brightens human lot and perfects human joys, and it infuses into earthly experience the canker of regret, care, and sorrow ; it is synonymous with kisses, honeyed words, gracious deeds of kindness, and also with bickerings, curtain lectures, and spite-work ; it is prophetic of eternal association, and likewise of divorce-court dissociation ; it is reminiscent of Cornelia, and also, alas, of Xantippe ; it is a pet theme for preacher and poet, and a butt for satirist and sinner ; it is — but why particularize further ? Marriage, one is told, stands for all that is

pure, good, holy, divine, and for all that is corrupt, base, unhallowed, diabolical.

For ages Hymen has been not less an idol than a knave, and his henchman, Cupid, has shared in his worship and his defamation. Surely their intentions have always been good enough; even matrimonial anarchists admit this; and if many of these good intentions have turned out paving-stones for the nether world — well, the more the pity. Mistakes *will* happen, so don't blame the gods. Cupid has corralled a miscellaneous, ill-assorted aggregation of material, and Hymen has simply done the best he could with it. At least he has tied the knots, and even a mundane court — and mundane courts are prone to adjudicate against monopolists — would hold that his responsibility ended with that function. The knot once tied, the rest of the enterprise concerns the wedded couple only.

The fact of the matter is that Hymen has been doing a good work: marriage, despite its flaws and failures, is a glorious institution. Even its cynical detractors are only half-hearted in their denunciation. The when, the how, the who are the important ques-

tions. Some candidates for matrimony assume its silken bonds—shackles, say the grumpy—with the determination to love and win love, bear and forbear, cherish and be cherished ; and others would not hold the peace if the Angel of Judgment stood over them with a sword. It is natural that the one should chant eulogies freely fringed with tender superlatives, and that the other should be raucous with insinuations and reproaches. Hence the apparent paradox.

This book does not take sides. It gives the happily mated few or many their say, and lets the disgruntled few or many indulge in their jibes and jokes. Neither does it, by inclusion or exclusion, seek to point a moral or adorn a tale. Why should not Tom, Dick, and Harry, Sue, Mary, and Mary's fair cousin give vent to their excess of enthusiasm or of bile? Their agonies of glorification and their writhings of discontent offend nobody, influence nobody, deter nobody. Wedlock is here to stay, for time if not for eternity. People read pleas and provocations, theories and Gradgrind facts, arguments and warnings, and go on in the same old way, courting the intervention of Cupid, and making Hymen

one of the hardest-worked personages whom fancy has made to do service through clergyman and justice of the peace.

The present little volume is but a suggestion of what it might have been had the compiler aimed at exhaustiveness of treatment. If the reader wants more material (he will find in the book plenty of variety), he is advised to begin with Genesis and read up on the subject systematically to the last published work. With one exception the compiler has wilfully excluded no one from his pages; he *has* drawn the line on the fair penny-a-liner who — though mateless, if not hopeless — poses as an expert on the whole business of matrimony and grinds out columns of causes and casuistries for the Sunday papers. The conscientious student of wedlock will doubtless not miss her.

Few liberties have been taken with the text of the authors quoted, and these, as in the case of the former volumes of this series, have always been in the interest of brevity, point, force — to give a thought without the unnecessary trappings of context. For this purpose an occasional word has been inserted to give directness of application. For

the translations from foreign languages, of course, the compiler is indebted to many helpers, to all of whom he cordially acknowledges his obligation. It should be said in this connection that this is the last of the "Epigram Series." The maker of these four little books positively refuses to have anything to do with the possible issue of marriage — either in the way of progeny or severance proceedings. These he leaves to the doctors and the judges and to whomsoever they may elect as their apologists and historians.

F. W. M.



# MARRIAGE IN EPIGRAM.

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## I.

DON'T.

PUNCH.

SHALL I go on? — Or have I said enough?  
JOHN MILTON.

No little scribbler is of wit so bare  
But has his fling at the poor wedded pair.  
JOSEPH ADDISON.

LITTLE things blame not ; Grace may on  
them wait :  
Cupid is little ; but his godhead 's great.  
ANONYMOUS.

MARRIAGE with peace is the world's para-  
dise ; with strife, this life's purgatory.

PROVERB.

IN marriage, a man becomes slack and  
selfish, and undergoes a fatty degeneration  
of his moral being.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

MARRIAGE . . . tomb of the living, prison  
of desire.    DUFRESNY.

OH ! surely marriage is a great and sacred responsibility. It is a bark in which two souls venture out on life's stormy sea, with no aid but their own to help them.

JAMES HAMILTON.

BEFORE marriage, woman is a queen ; after  
marriage, a subject.                                    ANONYMOUS.

FOR women first were made for men,  
Not men for them : It follows, then,  
That men have right to every one,  
And they no freedom of their own.

SAMUEL BUTLER.

BACHELORS are the freebooters of marriage.  
HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

MAIDENLY modesty is like aquavitaе, which  
keeps in perfect condition as long as it is  
tightly stoppered, but if the air gets to it,  
evaporates at once.                                    SOGRAFI.

WHERE'S the use of a woman's having  
brains of her own if she's tackled to a geck  
as everybody's a-laughing at?

GEORGE ELIOT.

MARRIAGE enlarges the scene of our hap-  
piness and miseries.                                    JOSEPH ADDISON.

THE old man who is married bids death  
to the feast. GERMAN PROVERB.

MAY widows wed as often as they can,  
And ever for the better change their man ;  
And some devouring plague pursue their lives,  
Who will not well be governed by their wives.

JOHN DRYDEN.

TRUE it is, as society is instituted, marriage becomes somewhat of a lottery, for all its votaries are either the victims of Cupid or cupidity ; in either instance, they are under the blinding influence of passion, and consequently but little subject to the control of reason.

FREDERIC SAUNDERS.

YOUR fortune differs as to bed and board ;  
Your wife — if ugly — can good fare afford.

PHILLIPIDES.

CUPID and Hymen are the leading characters in a comedy in which the former is the joke-maker, and the latter the butt.

HENRY KIRKLAND.

THERE is nothing more worthy of a woman's best thought and devoted effort than to create and maintain a true home.

HJALMAR HJORTH BOYESSEN, 2d.

WHO has a bad wife, his hell begins on earth.  
DUTCH SAYING.

CURS'D be the man, the poorest wretch in life,  
The crouching vassal to a tyrant wife !  
Who has no will but by her high permission ;  
Who has not sixpence but in her possession ;  
Who must to her his dear friend's secrets tell ;  
Who dreads a curtain lecture worse than hell.  
Were such the wife had fallen to my part,  
I 'd break her spirit, or I 'd break her heart.

ROBERT BURNS.

THOUGH bachelors be the strongest stakes,  
married men are the best binders, in the hedge of the commonwealth.

THOMAS FULLER.

CHOOSE your wife as you wish your children to be.  
GAELIC PROVERB.

HE became the servant of a woman, and now it would be well if in consequence he became an angel. FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE.

HE who has a handsome wife, a castle on the frontier, or a vineyard on the roadside, is never without war. SPANISH MAXIM.

THE sentiment of love may be, and is, in a great measure, a fostered growth of poetry and romance, and balderdashed with false sentiment; but with all its vitiations [the married should recognize] it is the beauty and the charm, the flavor and the fragrance, of all intercourse between man and woman.

WASHINGTON IRVING.

FATHERS their children and themselves abuse  
That wealth a husband for their daughters choose.

SHIRLEY.

THERE is nothing a man of good sense dreads in a wife so much as her having more sense than himself.

HENRY FIELDING.

THE wife that expects to have a good name Is always at home, as if she were lame.

SPANISH PROVERB.

I WISH you were an almanac, my dear,  
That I could change you every once a year.  
JOHN DRYDEN (to his wife).

MARRIAGE — when it is marriage at all — is only the seal which marks the vowed transition of temporary into untiring service, and of fitful into eternal love.

JOHN RUSKIN.

IN the husband, wisdom ; in the wife,  
gentleness.

ANONYMOUS.

THE conjugal petard that tears  
Down all portcullises of ears.

SAMUEL BUTLER.

THEIR courtship was carried on in poetry.  
Alas ! many an enamoured pair have courted  
in poetry, and after marriage lived in prose.

JOHN FOSTER.

WE are always willing to fancy ourselves  
within a little of happiness, and when, with  
repeated efforts, we cannot reach it, persuade  
ourselves that it is intercepted by an ill-  
paired mate.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

MARRY, drain from froth to lees the bitter  
draught.

ROBERT BROWNING.

A CONTRACT of eternal bond of love  
Confirmed by mutual joinder of your hands.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

IF man come not to gather  
The roses where they stand,  
They fade among the foliage,  
They cannot seek his hand.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

**IN every household the husband may have the throne, but the wife is the power behind the throne.** MRS. JAMES HARCOURT.

## MRS. JAMES HARCOURT.

A wife that brings with her a rich dowry  
Is the heaviest burden that a man may bear.

ANTIOPHANES.

THE dignity of a vocation is always to be admeasured by the seriousness of the preparation made for it. How, then, do we apprize marriage? R. HEBER NEWTON.

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BEFORE marriage we cannot be too inquisitive and discerning in the faults of the person beloved, nor after it too dim-sighted and superficial. JOSEPH ADDISON.

JOSEPH ADDISON.

**He who does not honor his wife dishonors her.** SPANISH MAXIM.

## SPANISH MAXIM.

OLD bachelor would have a wife that 's wise,  
Fair, rich, and young, a maiden for his bed ;  
Not proud, nor churlish, but of faultless size,  
A country housewife in the city bred.

He's a nice fool, and long in vain hath  
staid;

**He should bespeak her, there's none ready  
made.**

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

LOVE is the ministering spirit of home, hovering in soothing caresses over the cradle and the deathbed of the household, and filling up the urn of all its sacred memories.

T. L. HAINES.

To this burden women are born ; they must obey their husbands, be they never such blockheads.

MIGUEL DE CERVANTES.

MARRIAGE, moreover, was not instituted for the man, but for the woman and the child. It is a protective social institution for the benefit of the weaker part.

MAX NORDAU.

HE who marries a widow will often have a dead man's head thrown at him.

VRIARTE.

FEW natures can preserve through years the poetry of the first passionate illusion. That can alone render wedlock the seal that confirms affection, and not the mocking ceremonial that consecrates its grave.

EDWARD BULWER LYTTON.

HE is doubly a fool who does not marry a fool.

OLD ADAGE.

THOUGH matches are made in heaven, they say,  
    Yet Hymen (who mischief oft hatches)  
Sometimes deals with the house t' other side  
        of the way,  
And there they make Lucifer matches.

SAMUEL LOVER.

AN old woman is a very bad bride, but a  
very good wife. HENRY FIELDING.

NOTHING is better adapted to exemplify  
the evolution which binds our present to our  
past and to our future than the sociological  
history of marriage and of the family.

CH. LETOURNEAU.

I HAVE had sympathy enough with my  
married griefs, but when it came to the per-  
plexing torments of my single life—not a  
fellow mourner could I find.

DONALD G. MITCHELL.

THERE is nothing upon this earth that can  
be compared with the faithful attachment of  
a wife; no creature who, for the attachment  
of her love, is so indomitable, so persevering,  
so ready to suffer and die. DANIEL WEBSTER.

MARRIAGES are not as they are made, but  
as they turn out. ITALIAN PROVERB.

So with decorum all things carried,  
Miss frown'd, and blush'd, and then was  
married. OLIVER GOLDSMITH.

WIFE and child create for a man his dead-  
liest anxieties. THOMAS DE QUINCEY.

THE amusements of the girl cannot become  
the recreations of the wife.

ALEXIS DE TOQUEVILLE.

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LOVERS, MAKE IT SHORT.

I HAVE nothing to do with the choice of a wife, as those about to marry ought already to have settled that point; unless indeed they intend to imitate the example of a certain gentleman of an honorable and learned profession, who, being about to marry a young lady resident in Belgravia, and passing daily through Covent Garden on his way to Lincoln's Inn, by a too careful selection of pretty bouquets, ended at last by marrying the charming young person whose devoted customer he became. One shudders to contemplate the feelings of the Belgravian *fiancée* when she discovered the reason why her false Lothario became so profuse and reckless in his floral gifts. She must have

hated the sight of a nosegay ever after, and suspected a thorn in every rose. My advice, on the contrary, is to marry as quickly as possible; for none but those who are, unhappily, versed in such matters can be aware of the manifold minor (to say nothing of major) evils which a long engagement entails. The position of an affianced pair after a time becomes almost ridiculous. Premature congratulations are poured forth by some over-enthusiastic friends, while others cease to believe in the reality of an ultimate settlement, and become suspicious of the sincerity of your professions, and almost personally affronted at your delay. Then the difficulty of sustaining, with appropriate effect, the character of an engaged man is something enormous. I say nothing of the difficulty which a lady in that delicate position has to encounter, for we all know that ladies experience but little difficulty in making themselves perpetually agreeable,—at least before marriage. But with regard to a man, think of the amiable but excusable deceptions he is forced to be guilty of—the real distaste, but professed pleasure, with which he accompanies “the beloved object” to the

festive board of some oppressive family friend, where for two mortal hours at least he has to sit the observed of all observers, next to the idol to whom he has been paying unceasing devotion for the greater portion of the day, and to whom now he has to make himself agreeable — having exhausted every scrap of news, every conceivable subject of conversation ! He is afraid to venture upon any tender *aside*, for fear he should be thought silly ; or to keep much to generalities, for fear he should be considered slow. I have indeed remarked engaged couples who have been content to sit in blissful silence, wrapped in contemplation of their approaching happiness ; but such a state of quiescence is rarely observable and can scarcely be observed for an indefinite period. One of my earliest recollections of such a couple is when they were sitting in this state of tranquil calm and forming a very limited hand in hand mutual assurance company of their own ; and the lady and gentleman are at present thousands of miles apart, and each belonging to another firm.

AN UNMARRIED CYNIC.

## II.

BONE-WEARIED, many-childed, trouble-tried  
Wife of my bosom, wedded to my soul,  
Mother of nine that live, and two that died.

EBENEZER ELLIOTT.

A WIDOW is like a frigate of which the first  
captain has been shipwrecked.

ALPHONSE KARR.

A HAPPY couple, he joying in her, she  
joying in herself, but in herself because she  
enjoyed him; both increased their riches by  
giving to each other, and making one life  
double because they made a double life one.

SIR PHILIP SIDNEY.

GIVE me a well-fed slave: a wife that's not  
too clever:

Sound sleep at night, and days from quarrels  
free.

MARCUS VALERIUS MARTIALIS.

TERENTIA meddles in affairs of government  
much more than she allows me to meddle in  
the affairs of our household.

MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO.

THE most sacred of all human relationships, both for time and eternity, is prostituted to the brute level of an affair of cash, and is quickly followed by months and years of misery.

CANON LIDDON.

THERE are two rocks in this world of ours on which the soul must either anchor or be wrecked — the one is God, and the other is the sex opposite.

FREDERICK W. ROBERTSON.

IT is a silly flock where the ewe bears the bell.

ANONYMOUS.

SHE that hath a wise husband must entice him to an eternal dearness by the veil of modesty and the grave robes of chastity, the ornament of meekness and the jewels of faith and charity.

JEREMY TAYLOR.

You 'd marry the marquis, fair lady, they say ;  
You are right ; we 've suspected it long :  
But his lordship declines in a complaisant  
way,  
And, faith, he 's not much in the wrong.

MARCUS VALERIUS MARTIALIS.

SOMETIMES my plague, sometimes my darling,  
Kissing to-day, to-morrow snarling.

THOMAS PRIOR.

FROM her husband alone must henceforth flow all the happiness that the wife is destined to know ; he is the only being she must care to please ; all other men are now to be to her but shadows glancing on the wall.

JAMES HAMILTON.

FEW take wives for God's sake, or for fair looks.

PROVERB.

You cannot enter upon these considerations, and have no manner of business with the ceremony.

CHARLES DICKENS.

THE sources of a married woman's happiness are in the home of her husband.

ALEXIS DE TOQUEVILLE.

REFUSE a wife with one fault, and take one with two.

WELSH MAXIM.

LET us no more contend, nor blame  
Each other, blamed enough elsewhere, but  
strive,  
In offices of love, how we may lighten  
Each other's burden, in our share of woe.

JOHN MILTON.

THE husband who leaves nothing to be desired is a lost man.

HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

HE who [in marriage] is inspired by love  
in a high degree is inspired by honor in a  
higher. WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR.

MARRIAGE is like a flaming candle-light  
Placed in the window on a summer's night,  
Inviting all the insects of the air  
To come and singe their pretty winglets  
there. OLD ENGLISH SONG.

NEVER marry for money, but never marry  
without it. ANONYMOUS.

THE mighty mother, who had been so  
sly with us, as if she felt she owed us some  
indemnity, insinuates into the Pandora box  
of marriage some deep and serious benefits,  
and some great joys.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

BUT love in whispers lets us ken  
That men were made for us, and we for men.

ALLAN RAMSAY.

It goes far toward reconciling me to being  
a woman, when I reflect that I am thus in  
no danger of ever marrying one.

LADY MARY WORTLEY MONTAGU.

HE who looks after his wife and his house  
has enough to do. MONTLUC.

To him who is well married no evil can come which he cannot bear.

SPANISH PROVERB.

NEVER marry but for love ; but see that thou lovest what is lovely.

WILLIAM PENN.

LET happy men for generous love declare,  
And choose the needy virgin, chaste and fair.

RANULF DE GLANVILLE.

MONOGAMY was the result, and not the cause, of an idealized conception of the family relations.

ISRAEL ABRAHAMS.

THIS, then, is marriage : on the one side a gaoler, on the other a prisoner for life, a legal nonentity, classed with infants or idiots.

“ HOUSEHOLD WORDS.”

FOR parents to restrain the inclination of their children in marriage is a usurped power. For how can nature give another the power to direct those affections which she has not enabled even ourselves to govern ?

HENRY FIELDING.

IF people only made prudent marriages, what a stop to population there would be.

WILLIAM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY.

GRAVE authors say, and witty poets sing,  
That honest wedlock is a glorious thing.

ALEXANDER POPE.—

SHE that marries ill never wants something  
to say for it. ANONYMOUS.—

WHOSO being poor would yet in comfort live,  
Though others wed, from wedlock must  
abstain. EURIPIDES.

WOMANHOOD is greater than wifehood. It  
comprehends and embraces it. The best  
woman will make the best wife.

GAIL HAMILTON.

THEN come the wild weather—come sleet or  
come snow,  
We will stand by each other, however it  
blow;  
Oppression and sickness, and sorrow and  
pain,  
Shall be to our true love as links to the chain.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW.

WHO wed with fools, indeed, lead happy  
lives;  
Fools are the fittest, finest things for wives.

THOMAS OTWAY.

THOU art mine, thou hast given thy word ;  
Close, close in my arms thou art clinging ;  
Alone for my ear thou art singing  
A song which no stranger hath heard.

E. C. STEDMAN.

THE truth is, she and I, long since contracted,  
Are now so sure that nothing can dissolve us.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

WISE is the young man who is always  
thinking of taking a wife, and never takes  
one.

ARETINO.

NATURE sent women into the world that  
they might be mothers and love children ; to  
whom sacrifices must ever be offered, and  
from whom none can be obtained.

JEAN PAUL RICHTER.

To be a man in a true sense is, in the first  
place, and above all things, to have a wife.

JULES MICHELET.

WHEN one is in love, one wishes to be in  
fetters.      JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE.

HEAVEN will be no heaven to me if I do  
not meet my wife there.

ANDREW JACKSON.

It takes at least two to make a home. It takes at least two to make a cheerful table. Shun restaurants and dine with your wife.

ANONYMOUS.

Why does the blind man's wife paint  
herself? BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

My bride,  
My wife, my life. O we will walk this world,  
Yok'd in all exercise of noble aim,  
And so through those dark gates across the  
wild

**That no man knows.**

## ALFRED TENNYSON.

TIME sooner or later vanquishes love;  
friendship alone subdues time.

## MADAME D'ARCOUVILLE.

To make love only when signing the marriage certificate, is to take romance by the tail. J. B. POQUELIN MOLIÈRE.

## J. B. POQUELIN MOLIÈRE.

WOMAN was not taken from the head of man, for she was not intended to be his ruler; nor from his feet, for she was not intended to be his slave; but from his side, for she was to be his companion and his comfort.

TERTULLIAN.

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NEITHER reprove nor flatter thy wife if any  
speaketh or heareth it.      DUTCH MAXIM.

CLING closer, closer, life to life,  
Cling closer, heart to heart ;  
The time will come, my own wed wife,  
When you and I must part.

GERALD MASSEY.

SHE that takes the best of husbands puts  
on a golden fetter.      "CUPID'S WHIRLIGIG."

NEVER forget that marriage is ordained of  
God, and that His blessing alone can make  
it what it should be.

"COTTAGER AND ARTISAN."

I HAVE known men of valor cowards to  
their wives.      HORACE WALPOLE.

MARRIAGE is an institution calculated for a  
constant scene of as much delight as our  
being is capable of.      SIR RICHARD STEELE.

THINK not, the husband gained, that all is  
done ;  
The prize of happiness must still be won ;  
And, oft, the careless find it to their cost,  
The lover in the husband may be lost.

LORD LYTTLETON.

THE more a husband loves his wife,  
more he increases her whims.

CHINESE SAYING

HE that has not got a wife is not yet  
compleat man.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

A YOUNG wife should be in her house but  
a shadow and an echo.

CHINESE PROVERB

#### THE ROMANCE OF MARRIAGE.

THE romance of life is gone when with  
the humblest and most sordid cares of life  
are intimately associated the calm delights,  
the settled bliss of home ; when upon duties,  
in themselves perhaps often wearisome and  
uninteresting, hang the prosperity and happiness  
of wife and children ; when there is no  
mean hope, because there is no hope in  
which regard for others does not largely  
mingle — no base fear, because suffering and  
distress cannot affect self alone ; when the  
selfishness which turns honest industry to  
greed, and noble ambition to egotistical lust  
of power, is exercised ; when life becomes a  
perpetual exercise of duties which are de-

ights, and delights which are duties. Once romance meant chivalry ; and the hero of romance was one who did his knightly devoirs, and was true and loyal to God and his lady-love. If with us it has come to mean the sensual fancies of nerveless boys, and the sickly reveries of girls, for whose higher faculties society can find no employment, it is only another instance in which the present is not so much wiser and grander than the past as its flatterers are fond of imagining. To us it appears that where the capacity for generous devotion, for manly courage, for steadfast faith and love exists, there exists the main element of romance, and that where the circumstances of life are most favorable for the development of the qualities in action, they are romantic circumstances, whether the person displaying them be, like Alton Locke, a tailor, or, like King Arthur, a man of stalwart arm and lordly presence. Nor do we see that the giants, dragons, and other monsters of the old romance, are in themselves one whit more interesting than the obstacles that beset the modern true knight in his struggles to perform manfully the duties of his life, and to carry out the noble spirit

of that vow which he has solemnly taken  
the altar to love, comfort, honor, and keep;  
in sickness and in health, the woman  
has put her youth, her beauty, her life  
happiness into his hands.

GEORGE BRINS

### III.

THEY look forward to marriage much in the same way as they prepare themselves for death: each seems inevitable; each is a great Perhaps, and a leap in the dark.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

THE state of marriage fills up the numbers of the elect.

JEREMY TAYLOR.

As a looking-glass, if it is a true one, faithfully represents the face of him that looks in it, so a wife ought to fashion herself to the affection of her husband; not to be cheerful when he is sad; nor sad when he is cheerful.

ERASMUS.

THOUGH fools spurn Hymen's gentle powers,  
We who improve his golden hours  
By sweet experience know  
That marriage, rightly understood,  
Gives to the tender and the good  
A paradise below.

CHARLES CALEB COLTON.

DISCREET wives have neither eyes nor ears.

PROVERB.

Is there not something untender, to say no more of it, in the hurry which a beloved child is sometimes in to tear herself from the paternal stock, and commit herself to strange graftings?

CHARLES LAMB.

WIDOWS, like ripe fruit, drop easily from their perch.

JEAN DE LA BRUYÈRE.

MARRIAGE is the normal state for man and woman — it develops all that is best in both.

HJALMAR HJÖRTH BOYESEN, 2d.

IF men could be contented to be what they are, there were no fear in marriage.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

IF you marry above your station you will have your wife's relations for masters.

CLEOBULUS.

IN the undertaking of marriage, every one must be the judge of his own thoughts, and take counsel of himself.

FRANÇOIS RABELAIS.

LOVE, that sometimes corrupts pure bodies, often in marriage purifies corrupt hearts.

NICOLAS VALENTINE DE LATÉNA.

LOOK down, O Thou  
Who wast at Cana ! Bless the rite that 's past.  
HANNAH F. GOULD.

ON *Ætna's* top let furies wed,  
And sheets of lightning dress the bed,  
T' improve the burning joy.

ISAAC WATTS.

ALAS ! That soul's poverty of two ! Alas !  
That soul's dirt of two ! Alas ! that miserable  
ease of two ! Marriage they call that ;  
and they say marriage is made in heaven.

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE.

THE experience of wedded life is alarmingly like that of dying — each man and woman must know it for himself and herself, and no other human being can share its trials or its joys.

MARION HARLAND.

MATRIMONY must be like a sound flogging, for it makes the veriest blockheads learn something.

PEPOLI.

THERE is not a red Indian hunting by Lake Winnipeg can quarrel with his squaw but the whole world must smart for it ; will not the price of beaver rise ?

THOMAS CARLYLE.

**IF** the wife sins the husband is not innocent. **ITALIAN MAXIM.**

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HUSBAND, don't believe what you see, but  
what I tell you. ANONYMOUS.

ANONYMOUS.

THIS yoke of marriage from us both remove,  
Where two are bound to draw, though neither  
love. JOHN DRYDEN.

JOHN DRYDEN.

A good wife and health are a man's best wealth. PROVERB.

## **PROVERB.**

If you wish to marry suitably, marry your equal. P. OVIDIUS NASO.

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## WHAT do you think of marriage?

I take 't, as those that deny purgatory:

**It locally contains or heaven or hell;**

**There's no third place in it.**

JOHN WEBSTER.

As a walled town is more worthier than a  
village, so is the forehead of a married man  
more honorable than the bare brow of a  
bachelor. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

## WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

THE web of love itself is made of spontaneous beliefs and indefinable joy, yearnings of one life toward another, visions of completeness, indefinite trust.      GEORGE ELIOT.

'T is natural  
That a bad wife should make her husband  
bad.

EURIPIDES.

THE true essence of marriage,—its love is mutual, equally giving and receiving at every instant of its action. There is neither dependence nor independence, but interdependence. Years cannot weaken its bonds; distance cannot sunder them.

GAIL HAMILTON.

WE are not very much to blame for our bad marriages. We live amid hallucinations, and this especial trap is laid to trip up our feet with, and all are tripped up first or last.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

LOVE is the crowning grace of humanity, the holiest rite of the soul, the golden link which binds us to duty and truth.

FRANCESCO PETRARCA.

MARRIAGE is a lottery in which men stake their liberty, and women their happiness.

MADAME DE RIEUX.

NEXT to nae wife, a gude wife is the best.

SCOTCH PROVERB.

A MARRIAGE based on mutual esteem, built up by lasting affection, and crowned with Heaven's blessing, is the fair remnant left us on earth of the institutions of Paradise.

S. WALKER.

WEDLOCK, indeed, hath oft compared been  
To publick feasts, where meet a public rout :  
Where they that are without would fain go in,  
And they that are within would fain go out.

SIR J. DAVIS.

IT would take a judge who has been through many divorce cases to tell us the precise amount of "sanctity" which still hovers over the institution of marriage.

LADY COOK.

CAN there be a lower idea of marriage than the idea which makes it, in fact, an institution for the development of selfishness on a large and respectable scale?

"HOUSEHOLD WORDS."

WEDLOCK is like wine—not properly judged of till the second glass.

DOUGLAS JERROLD.

Two consorts in heaven are not two, but one angel.

EMANUEL SWEDENBORG.

A FREEMAN he, yet is he wedlock's slave,  
Who for a dowry has his body sold.

EURIPIDES.

I CANNOT fitlier compare marriage than  
to a lottery ; for in both he that ventures  
may succeed and may miss ; and if he draw  
a prize he hath a rich return of his revenue :  
but in both lotteries there is a pretty store of  
blanks for every prize.                  ROGER BOYLE.

MUST love be ever treated with profane-  
ness, as a mere illusion ? or with coarseness,  
as a mere impulse ? or with fear, as a mere  
disease ? or with shame, as a mere weakness ?  
or with levity, as a mere accident ? whereas,  
it is a great mystery and a great necessity.

HARRIET MARTINEAU.

To say the truth, the ordinary talent of  
women is not such as is sufficient to main-  
tain the conference and communication re-  
quired to the support of this conjugal tie.

MICHAEL DE MONTAIGNE.

COURTSHIP consists in a number of quiet  
attentions, not so pointed as to alarm, nor  
so vague as to be misunderstood.

LAURENCE STERNE.

**EARLY** marriages, long love.

**GERMAN PROVERB.**

MOTHERS who force their daughters into interested marriages, are worse than the Aminonites who sacrificed their children to Moloch,—the latter undergoing a speedy death, the former suffering years of torture.

**LORD ROCHESTER.**

MEN say of marriage and women what they please; they renounce neither the one nor the other.

**ANONYMOUS.**

THERE'S a bliss beyond all that the minstrel has told,

When two that are link'd in one heavenly tie,  
With heart never changing, and brow never cold,

Love on thro' all ills, and love on till they die.

**THOMAS MOORE.**

MAIDENS that come dowerless

Are ever in their husband's power, but dames With full-swollen portions are their plague and ruin.

**T. MACCIUS PLAUTUS.**

THE race is run by one and one,

And never by two and two.

**RUDYARD KIPLING.**

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A LADY meeting a girl who had lately left her service, inquired, " Well, Mary ! where do you live now ? " " Please, ma'am," answered the girl, " I don't live now — I 'm married."

LEIGH HUNT.

NOTHING shall assuage  
Your love but marriage : for such is  
The tying of two in wedlock as is  
The tuning of two lutes in one key.

WILLIAM LILLY.

MAIDS want nothing but husbands, and when they have them, they want everything.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

No jealousy their dawn of love o'ercast  
Nor blasted were their wedded days with strife.

JAMES BEATTIE.

To continue love in marriage is a science. It requires so little to kill those sweet emotions, those precious illusions, which form the charm of life ; and it is so difficult to maintain a man at the height on which an exalted passion has placed him, especially when that man is one's husband.

MADAME REYBAUD.

LET husband and wife neglect the whole world besides, rather than one another.

MAXIM

MARRIAGE may often be a stormy lake but celibacy is almost always a muddy horsepond.

T. L. PEACOCK.

Joy, serious and sublime,  
Such as doth nerve the energies of prayer,  
Should swell the bosom when a maiden's hand  
Filled with life's dewy flowerets, girdeth on  
That harness which the ministry of death  
alone unlooseth.

LYDIA HUNTLY SIGOURNEY.

HE that shuts Love out, in turn shall be  
Shut out from Love, and on her threshold lie,  
Howling in utter darkness.

ALFRED TENNYSON.

As you cannot live without women, you should make the best of this business of marriage.

METELLUS.

HOWEVER perfect and accomplished the person may appear to you at a distance, you will find many blemishes and imperfections in her humor upon a more intimate acquaintance.

JOSEPH ADDISON.

AMERICANS consider marriages as a covenant which is often onerous, but every condition of which the parties are strictly bound to fulfil.

ALEXIS DE TOQUEVILLE.

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FROM A PHILOSOPHIC STANDPOINT.

LOVE is at the same time the most generous and the most egotistical thing in nature : the most generous, because it receives nothing and gives all,— pure mind being only able to give and not receive ; the most egotistical, for that which he seeks in the subject, that which he enjoys in it, is himself and never anything else. But precisely because he who loves receives from the beloved object nothing but that which he has himself given, it often happens that he gives more than he has received. The exterior senses believe to have discovered in the object that which the internal sense alone contemplates in it, in the end believing what is desired with ardor, and the riches belonging to the one who loves hide the poverty of the object loved. This is the reason why love is subject to illusion, whilst esteem and

desire are never deceived. As long as the super-excitement of the internal senses overcomes the internal senses, the soul remains under the charm of this Platonic love, which gives place only in duration to the delights enjoyed by the immortals. But as soon as internal sense ceases to share its visions with the exterior sense, these take possession of their rights, and imperiously demand that which is its due, — matter. It is the terrestrial Venus who profits by the fire kindled by the celestial Venus, and it is not rare to find the physical instinct, so long sacrificed, revenge itself by a rule all the more absolute. As external sense is never a dupe to illusion, it makes this advantage felt with a brutal insolence over its noble rival ; and it possesses audacity to the point of asserting that it has settled an account that the spiritual nature has left under sufferance. Dignity prevents love from degenerating into desire, and grace, from esteem turning into fear. True beauty, true grace, ought never to cause desire. Where desire is mingled, either the object wants dignity, or he who considers it wants morality in his sentiments. True greatness ought never to cause fear. If fear finds a

place, you may hold for certain either that the object is wanting in taste and grace, or that he who considers it is not at peace with his conscience. Attraction, charm, grace ; words commonly employed as synonyms, but which are not, or ought not to be so, the idea they express being capable of many determinations, requiring different designations. . . . The utmost degree of grace is *ravishing charm*. Dignity in its highest form is called *majesty*. In the ravishing we love our *Ego*, and we feel our being fused with the object. Liberty in its plenitude, and in its highest enjoyment, tends to the complete destruction of liberty, and the excitement of the mind to the delirium of the voluptuousness of the senses. Majesty, on the contrary, proposes to us a law, a moral idea, which constrains us to turn back our looks upon ourselves. God is there, and the sentiment we have of His presence makes us bend our eyes upon the ground.

FRIEDRICH VON SCHILLER.

## IV.

CONSIDER the old proverbe to be true that saith : Marriage is destinie.      E. HALL.

EVERY marriage was like another gray hair in his head.      ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

THERE is no enterprise in life that requires so much nicety and discrimination to manage as marriage.      MRS. JAMES HARCOURT.

THE first blessing God gave to man was society, and that society was a marriage.

BISHOP TAYLOR.

AN unhappy gentleman, resolving to wed nothing short of perfection, keeps his heart and hand till both get so old and withered that no tolerable woman will accept them.

NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE.

You need not marry, you have troubles enough without it.      ANONYMOUS.

ONE can, with dignity, be wife and widow but once.      JOSEPH JOUBERT.

THE best eulogy you can pronounce upon marriage is by making your own home relation right and beautiful.

T. DE WITT TALMAGE.

WITH the security of marriage the mind is at liberty to expand in generous affections, and has leisure to look abroad, and engage in the pursuits of knowledge, science, and virtue.

ROBERT HALL.

WHILE they 're our lovers we play sovereigns' parts ;  
As queens they treat us, till they win our hearts ;  
But once we 're wed, they in their turn are kings.

PIERRE CORNEILLE.

A MAN finds himself seven years older the day after his marriage.

FRANCIS BACON.

MARRIAGE is for youth and age, for health and sickness, and — with the exception of an occasional, and not-to-be-depended-upon intervention of the Divorce Court — for our whole life long.

WILLIAM SHARP.

BUT trust me, no true love can be without Its dread penalty, — jealousy.

OWEN MEREDITH.

IT is life's morning that for love is made ;  
 Toward evening let us summon Hymen's  
 aid.

That God exists our old age to console.

DE BIÈVRE.

MEN are April when they woo,  
 December when they wed.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

IT is the most momentous question a woman is ever called upon to decide, whether the faults of the man she loves are beyond remedy and will drag her down, or whether she is competent to be his earthly redeemer and lift him to her own level.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

HE that marries a widow and three children marries four thieves. ANONYMOUS.

ANNUL a marriage ? 'T is impossible ! Though Ring about your neck be brass, not gold, Needs must it clasp, gangrene you all the same.

ROBERT BROWNING.

WOULD men but follow what the sex advise All things would prosper, all the world grow wise.

ALEXANDER POPE.

To tell the truth, however, family and poverty have done more to support me than I have to support them. They have compelled me to make exertions that I hardly thought myself capable of.      T. POWER.

SHE who walks grandly as a woman will not walk unworthily as a wife.

GAIL HAMILTON.

"T IS sweet, when man is by mischance  
o'erta'en  
That wife should take her share in husband's  
grief,  
His partner ever, both in joy and pain.

EURIPIDES.

LET thy maid-servant be faithful, strong,  
and homely.      BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

HE that marries a widow and two daughters has three back doors to his house.

ANONYMOUS.

To be the mate of such sweet gentleness.  
JOANNA BAILLIE.

GAOLERS are of various kinds, . . . but  
the worst gaoler of all is the marital gaoler,  
as constituted by the laws.

"HOUSEHOLD WORDS."

IT very seldom happens that a man slow enough in assuming the character of husband, or a woman quick enough in co-descending to that of a wife.

JOSEPH ADDISON

GO down the ladder when thou choosest wife; go up when thou choosest a friend.

RABBI BEN AZA

LORD ERSKINE, on woman presuming to rai  
Calls a wife "a tin canister tied to one  
tail."      RICHARD BRINSLEY SHERIDAN

THERE are three things a wise man w  
not trust: the wind, the sunshine of an Ap  
day, and woman's plighted faith.

ROBERT SOUTHEY

IN selecting a wife take the daughter of  
good mother.      T. FULLER

A' ARE guid lassies, but whaur do a' th  
ill wives come frae?      SCOTCH PROVERB

LAVISH not your love to-day, rememberin  
that marriage has a morrow and again  
morrow.      FREDERIKA BREME

I 'LL woo her as a lion woos his bride.

JOHN HOMER

WHERE desire never wanted satisfaction,  
nor satisfaction ever bred satiety, he ruling  
because she would obey, or rather, because  
she would obey, she therein ruling.

SIR PHILIP SIDNEY.

WHEN you would give all worldly plagues a  
name,

Worse than they have already, call 'em wife.

THOMAS OTWAY.

JUST as folks get half-drowned in the Ser-  
pentine for the sake of the brandy in the  
Royal Humane Society's Receiving-house, so  
it is almost worth a man's while to lose half  
his income that he may appreciate the loving  
sympathy that dwells in his loving helpmate's  
heart.

WILLIAM SHARP.

WEDDED love is founded on esteem,  
Which the fair merits of the mind engage.

ELIJAH FENTON.

WOMEN are all alike. When they are  
maids they are mild as milk ; once make 'em  
wives and they lean their backs against their  
marriage certificates and defy you.

DOUGLAS JERROLD.

THE rich widow cries with one eye and rejoices with the other.

MIGUEL DE CERVANTES.

ILL-ASSORTED couple, unhappy in themselves and in each other, bound together by no tie but the manacle that joined their fettered hands, and straining that so harshly in their shrinking asunder, that it wore and chafed to the bone.      CHARLES DICKENS.

WHOSO is tired of happy days, let him take a wife.      DUTCH SAYING.

NOR the dull pairs whose marble forms  
None of the melting passions warms  
Can mingle hearts and hands.

ISAAC WATTS.

STRONG are the instincts with which God has guarded the sacredness of marriage.

MARIA MCINTOSH.

THE married should not forget that to speak of love begets love.      BLAISE PASCAL.

IT is Lothario who wearies of the society of his Rosaline, rather than the lady who sighs for other company than the object of her affections.      U. CALDWELL.

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IT was a happy age when a man might have wooed his wench with a pair of kid leather gloves, a silver thimble, or with a tawdry lace ; but now a velvet gown, a chain of pearls, or a coach with four horses will scarcely serve the turn.      J. RICH.

IT is not married life, but the mere apology for married life, from which we shrink.

GEORGE GRANT.

Two persons who have chosen each other out of all the species with a design to be each other's mutual comfort and entertainment have in that action bound themselves to be good-humored, affable, discreet, forgiving, patient, and joyful, with respect to each other's frailties and perfections to the end of their lives.      JOSEPH ADDISON.

KING, king, crown me the king.  
Home is the kingdom, and love is the king,

J. R. DURYEA.

WOULD it not grieve a woman to be overmastered with a piece of valiant dust? to make an account of her life to a clod of wayward marl?      WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

WHO ever heard of darts, flames, Cupids,  
Adonises, and such-like nonsense in matr-  
mony?

GEORGE GRANT.

THE husband's mother is the wife's devil.

GERMAN PROVERB.

ALL the women had husbands, and all the  
men had wives ; hence there was no cause  
for grumbling and complaint.

MENCIUS.

THE most popular objection to wedlock —  
it costs too much to marry.

T. M. COAN.

Most of the great men of the world have  
been married men, and have attributed much  
of their success to their wives.

HJALMAR HJORTH BOYESEN, 2d.

NAY, I like them not, those animals caught  
in heavenly nets.

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE.

PLY the wife's trade, play off the sex's  
trick, and . . . prettily fool . . . into patience.

ROBERT BROWNING.

WERE a man not to marry a second time,  
it might be concluded that his first wife had  
given him a disgust for marriage.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

A PERSON of genius should marry a person  
of character.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

An' a spinster I be, an' I will be, if soä  
please God, to the end.

ALFRED TENNYSON.

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VIEWED WITH ENGLISH EYES.

FANNY FERN, the late popular American essayist — who, to do her justice, invariably supported her sex — once animadverted strongly on the growing extravagance of feminine toilettes, which had proceeded to such lengths that actually little children were being contaminated by the spreading spirit of prodigality and morbid desire for mere-tricious show and sham. No doubt she was quite right; but all this display arises from the efforts of the “shoddy aristocracy” to make themselves known. I do not believe the better class of American women participate in this worship of Vanity Fair. The cause for the unhappiness of transatlantic marriages must be sought elsewhere. To those acquainted with the habits and mode of life of the citizens of the United States this can be deliberately traced to two sources: the frenzied desire for the acquisition of wealth now current among the representatives of

Young America, to the sinking of every other consideration; and the normal system of boarding-house life. With regard to the former point, the people of the United States are rabid. Everything is sacrificed on the shrine of the immortal dollar, and all classes live up to and for their income alone. All the claptrap show and extravagance in which they indulge is simply for effect and not for enjoyment. A young man's whole thoughts there on entering into life is to secure a fortune, and, when he has got it, to show his compeers how much richer and consequently "bigger" a man he is than they. He must have a fine house in the best quarter, a good trotting-wagon, a fine team of horses,—all to be looked at, for they are quite out of his line of enjoyment and what he had been bred up to. He must get him a wife — not to love her and care for her, but to be admired as *his* wife. And, as

"Maidens, like moths, are ever caught by glare  
And Mammon wins his way where seraphs  
might despair,"

he succeeds, the two together running a fine race of havoc, to which the "Rake's Prog-

ress" would be but an outline sketch. The result generally is a grand smash; whereupon the "wife" obtains a divorce or else hies off with some one else and lapses into the usual fate of a divorcee. Such is the ordinary case with those fortunate few who make large sums of money suddenly and unexpectedly through speculation. . . . The custom of living in boarding-houses may be termed a national one, and in spite of the advantages it possesses over housekeeping, through the high rent of separate dwellings, it has so many drawbacks that one wonders at its almost universal adoption. In the first place, in one of these establishments privacy, about the greatest of home charms, is entirely discarded; and in the second, it is decidedly expensive and wasteful in the long run, teaching people to live from hand to mouth, from day to day, with nothing to look forward to at the year's end, and no inducements to save anything out of their income.

JOHN C. HUTCHESON.

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THE Eleventh Commandment — “Thou  
shalt not be found out.”                   LADY COOK.

MARRIAGE the happiest bond of love might be,  
If hands were only joined when hearts agree.

GEORGE GRANVILLE.

CANNOT you possibly propose a mean for  
married people, between being wasps and  
doves in public?                   SIR RICHARD STEELE.

SHE looketh well to the ways of her house-  
hold, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

BIBLE.

THE Italians have this proverb: In buy-  
ing houses and taking a wife, shut your  
eyes and commend yourself to God.

CHARLES PINKAU DUCLOS

RANK and title, wealth and grandeur, all  
should go to the winds before they scared  
me from my own true love.

R. D. BLACKMORE.

To render a marriage happy, the husband  
should be deaf and the woman blind.

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SHE will keep no fool, sir, till she be mar-  
ried ; and fools are as like husbands as pil-  
chards are to herrings ; the husband 's the  
bigger.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

SHE who stands upright will not drag her  
husband downward.

GAIL HAMILTON.

My wife  
One God knows whither,— rifled vesture  
          chest,  
and ransacked money-coffer.

ROBERT BROWNING.

THE moment a woman marries, some ter-  
rible revolution happens in her system ; all  
the good qualities vanish, presto, like eggs  
out of a conjuror's box. 'T is true they ap-  
pear on the other side of the box, but for the  
husband they are gone forever.

EDWARD BULWER LYTTON.

[And] MARTYRS, when the joyful crown is  
          given,  
Forget the pain by which they purchased  
          heaven.

C. STEPNEY.

I WOULD advise a man to pause  
 Before he takes a wife :  
 In fact I see no earthly cause  
 He should not pause for life.

DE CHAMBLAIN DE MARIVAUX.

No : the world must be peopled. When I said I would die a bachelor, I did not think I should live till I were married.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

YOUNG love is a flame ; very pretty, often very hot and fierce ; but still only light and flickering. The love of the older and disciplined heart is as coals, deep-burning, unquenchable.      HENRY WARD BEECHER.

LOVE's history, as Life's, is ended not by marriage.      BAYARD TAYLOR.

THE matrimonial knot is sometimes tied so tightly that it wounds those whom it unites.      BERNARD DE VARENNES.

DOROTHY would with John be married ;  
 Dorothy's wise, I trow :  
 But John by no means Dorothy will wed ;  
 John's the wiser of the two.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

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HONOR to wives ! They knit and weave  
worsted stockings for our frosty life.

VOLKSWITZ.

To love, in marriage and out, for the sake  
of being loved is human, but to love for the  
sake of loving is angelic.

ALPHONSE DE LAMARTINE.

MARRIAGE is a desperate thing. The frogs  
in Æsop were extremely wise ; they had a  
great mind to some water but they would not  
leap into the well, because they could not  
get out again.    JOHN SELDEN.

THERE swims no goose so gray but soon or  
late

She finds some honest gander for her mate.

ALEXANDER POPE.

MATRIMONY is the high sea for which no  
compass has yet been invented.

HEINRICH HEINE.

THE most unhappy circumstance of all is,  
when each party is always laying up fuel for  
dissension, and gathering together a maga-  
zine of provocations to exasperate each  
other with when they are out of humor.

SIR RICHARD STEELE.

THE joys of marriage are the heaven on earth,  
 Life's paradise, great princess, the soul  
     quiet,  
 Sinews of concord, earthly immortality,  
 Eternity of pleasures.                           JOHN FOX

SHOULD all despair  
 That have revolted wives, the tenth of mankind  
     Would hang themselves.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

LOVE in wedlock seldom dies a sudden death.                   BERNARD JOSEPH SAUER

TAKE your wife's opinion and act opposite to it.                           SHAIKH SA

WHEN thou choosest a wife, think not of thyself, but of those God may give thee her, that they reproach thee not for the being.                           MARTIN TUPPER

THERE are fatalities which seem to attend upon some lovers, strange events, unexpected meetings, which sometimes promote, sometimes prevent proposals.                   CHAPERON

WHAT is there that beats a good wife?  
 bad husband.                                   PUNCH

To keep your mistress in your wife,  
Keep to the very height your oath,  
And honor her with arduous life.

COVENTRY PATMORE.

FIRST get an absolute conquest over thyself, and then thou wilt easily govern thy wife.

MADAME SWETCHINE.

AH me ! When shall I marry me ?  
Lovers are plenty, but fail to receive me.

OLIVER GOLDSMITH.

THE roots of the deepest conjugal love die in the heart, if not tenderly cherished.

JOHANN GOTTFRIED HERDER.

HE that is needy when he is married  
Shall be rich when he is buried.

ANONYMOUS.

A WIFE is a gift bestowed upon a man to reconcile him to the loss of paradise.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE.

DUTY 's a slave that keeps the keys,  
But Love, the Master, goes in and out  
Of his goodly chambers with song and shout.  
Just as he please — just as he please.

DINAH MARIA MULOCK.

I NEVER married ; wish I had — and then  
unwish it : people kill their wives sometimes.

ROBERT BROWNING.

THE wife can carry more out of the house  
in her apron than the man can bring in on  
a harvest wagon.                    FRIEDRICH RÜCKERT.

WHAT a husband forbids, a wife desires.

PROVERB.

NE'ER take a wife till thou hast a house  
(and a fire) to put her in.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

A WOMAN is to her husband what her hus-  
band has made her.                    HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

I KNEW a wench married in an afternoon  
as she went to the garden for parsley to stuff  
a rabbit.                            WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

THEY join in marriage people who do not  
love each other, and then they are aston-  
ished that such couples do not live happily.

COUNT LYOF N. TOLSTOI.

THE first wife is a broom ; the second a  
lady.                                    GERMAN SAYING.

How delightful in wedlock it would be to  
love, if one loved always ; but, alas ! there  
are no eternal loves.                    MADAME SCUDÉRI.

MARRIAGE, though the dictate of nature, and the institution of Providence, is yet very often the cause of misery.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

WEDLOCK — that most potent of human institutions to humanize the soul.

MRS. JAMES HARCOURT.

IN marriage it is more difficult to dissimulate the love we have than to simulate that we have not.

CÉSAR VICHARD DE SAINT-RÉAL.

DOMESTIC happiness, thou only bliss  
Of paradise that has survived the fall.

WILLIAM COWPER.

THE fair sex are so conscious to themselves that they have nothing in them which can deserve entirely to engross the whole man, that they heartily despise one who, to use their own expression, is always hanging at their apron-strings.      EUSTACE BUDGELL.

"WELL, niece, I hope to see you one day fitted with a husband."

"Not till God make men of some other metal than earth."      WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

A WIFE must have no painting but blushings ; her brightness must be purity, and she must shine round about with sweetness and friendship ; and she shall be pleasant while she lives and desired when she dies.

JEREMY TAYLOR.

To love one who loves you, to admire one who admires you, in a word, to be the idol of one's idol, is exceeding the limit of human joy ; it is stealing fire from heaven.

MADAME DE GIRARDIN.

SOCIETY and law are the materials, unsubstantial enough, out of which the husband has built his house of duress ; but in those airy cells lie more broken hearts than ever the sternest dungeon held.

"HOUSEHOLD WORDS."

CHLOE, blind to wit and worth,  
Weds the rich dulness of some son of earth.

ALEXANDER POPE.

THE most delightful and most lasting engagements are generally those which pass between man and woman, and yet on what trifles are they weakened or entirely broken !

JOSEPH ADDISON.

MARRIAGE is not, like the hill of Olympus,  
wholly clear without clouds.

THOMAS FULLER.

OLD age and marriage are alike in this,  
That to attain them all men keenly strive,  
But once they're gained we're filled with  
vain regrets. ANONYMOUS (GREEK).

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THE PROS AND CONS OF MARRIAGE.

BUT what do I trouble myself to finde  
arguments to perswade to, or commend mar-  
riage? Behold a brief abstract succinctly,  
pithily, pathetically, perspicuously, and ele-  
gantly delivered in twelve motions to miti-  
gate the miseries of marriage, by Jacobus de  
Voragine. 1. Hast thou meanes? Thou  
hast one to keep and increase it. 2. Hast  
none? Thou hast one to helpe to get it.  
3. Art in prosperity? Thine happiness is  
doubled. 4. Art in adversity? Shee'l com-  
fort, assist, bear a part of thy burden to make  
it more tolerable. 5. Art at home? Shee'l  
drive away melancholy. 6. Art abroad?  
Shee looks after thee going from home,  
wishes for thee in thine absence, and joyfully

welcomes thy returne. 7. There's nothing delightsome without society; no society so sweet as matrimony. 8. The band of conjugal love is adamantine. 9. The sweet company of kinsmen increased, the number of parents is doubled, of brothers, sisters, nephews. 10. Thou art made a father by a faire and happy issue. 11. Moses curseth the barrenness of matrimony, how much more a single life. 12. If nature escape not punishment, surely thy will shall not avoid it. All this is true, say you, and who knows it not? But how easy a matter is it to answer these motives, and to make an *anti-parodia* quite opposite unto it? To exercise myself, I will essay. 1. Hast thou means? thou hast one to spend it. 2. Hast none? thy beggary is increased. 3. Art in prosperity? thy happiness is ended. 4. Art in adversity? like Job's wife, shee'l aggravate thy misery, vexe thy soule, make thy burden intollerable. 5. Art at home? Shee'l scold thee out of doores. 6. Art abroad? if thou be wise keep thee so: shee'l perhaps graft hornes in thine absence, scowle on thee coming home. 7. Nothing gives more content than solitariness; no solitariness like

this of a single life. 8. The band of marriage is adamantine ; no hope of loosing it ; thou art undone. 9. Thy number increaseth, thou shalt be devoured by thy wives' friends. 10. Thou art made a cornuto by an unchaste wife ; and shalt bring up other folkes children in stead of thine owne. 11. Paul commends marriage, yet he prefers a single life. 12. Is marriage honorable ? What an immortall crown belongs to virginity. So Siracides himself speaks as much as may be for and against women ; so doth almost every philosopher plead *pro* and *con* ; every poet thus argues the case (though what cares *vulgus hominum* what they say ?) ; so can I conceive, peradventure, and so canst thou. When all is said, yet since some be good, some bad, let's put it to a venture.

ROBERT BURTON.

VI.

MARRIAGE is terrifying, but so is a cold and forlorn old age.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

EARTH has nothing more holy than a happy home. A. E. COWLES.

**THE** day you marry, it is either kill or cure.  
SPANISH PROVERB.

MATRIMONY hath something in it of nature, something of civility, something of divinity.

## BISHOP J. HALL.

I BELIEVE marriages would in general be as happy, and often more so, if they were all made by the Lord Chancellor, upon a due consideration of the character and circumstances, without the parties having any choice in the matter.

WILL she with huswife's hand provide thy  
meat,  
And every Sunday morn thy neckcloth plait?

JOHN GAY.

CUPID is a knavish lad,  
Thus to make poor females mad.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

No matter how deeply we may be in love  
with a certain individual, we do not cease to  
be susceptible to the influence of the entire  
sex.

MAX NORDAU.

THE first sure symptom of a mind in  
health is rest of heart and pleasure felt at  
home.

EDWARD YOUNG.

HYMEN makes fools of us all, big and little.

HOWARD GRANT.

THE only comfort of my life  
Is, that I never had a wife ;  
Nor will hereafter, since I know,  
Who weds, o'erbuys his weal with woe.

ROBERT HERRICK.

No true mother ever had difficulty in an-  
swering the question : " Is life worth living ? "

HJALMAR HJORTH BOYESEN, 2d.

A SCOLDING wife in the dwelling of a peaceable man is his hell even in this world. Protect and guard us against a wicked inmate. Save us, O Lord, and preserve us from the fiery or hell torture.

SHAIKH SADI.

IF I might control the literature of the household, I would guarantee the well-being of the Church and State.      FRANCIS BACON.

THE first Adam had one wife ; the second Adam had no wife.      ST. JEROME.

No one, then, should marry in love or for love.      OLD SAYING.

BODY and soul, like peevish man and wife, United jar, and yet are loath to part.

EDWARD YOUNG.

THE sealing-day betwixt my love and me, For everlasting bond of fellowship.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

MEN marry to make an end ; women, to make a beginning.      A. DUPUY.

A WIFE who has no children makes (to her husband's heirs) a dear and engaging friend.

DECIMUS JUNIUS JUVENALIS.

If the first husband and wife had continued in their uprightness, life would have been a permanent form of wedded worship, a sacred mystery of spiritual oneness and communion.

HORACE BUSHNELL.

GOOD wives and good plantations go by good husbands.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

BUT a new married wife 's a teeming mischief, Full of herself : why, what a deal of horror Has that poor wretch to come, that married yesterday !

THOMAS OTWAY.

A VIRTUOUS wife rules her husband by obeying him.

PUBLILINA SYMS.

WE have sometimes loved so much that there is nothing left in our hearts that enables us to love again in wedlock.

ROCHEBRUNE.

WHEN in marriage to displease is thought of no consequence, to please is always of as little moment.

SIR RICHARD STEELE.

A BACHELOR seeks a wife to avoid solitude ; a married man seeks society to avoid the *tête-à-tête*.

BERNARD DE VARENNES.

ILL bears the sex a youthful lover's fate,  
When first approaching to the nuptial state.

JOHN DRYDEN.—

MARRIAGE, for the algebraists of the human heart, is an equation whose terms must be on both sides identical. Unfortunately the unknown quantity thence resulting often upsets their wisest and wariest calculations.

ANONYMOUS.

ONLY so far as a man is happily married to himself is he fit for married life and family life generally.                            NOVALIS.

WE see that he 's the butt of many a jest,  
Whose wife at home is in the breeches dressed.

J. B. POQUELIN MOLIÈRE.

ARE we not mix'd like streams of meeting rivers  
Whose blended waters are no more distinguish'd,  
But roll into the sea one common flood?

NICHOLAS ROWE.

IT is not certain that Eve did not *nag* Adam; and perhaps it was Tubal Cain (the ironmaster) who first danced upon his astonished lady in hobnails.                    WILLIAM SHARP.

LET moderation on thy passions wait ;  
Who loves too much, too much the lov'd  
will hate.                                  ROBERT HERRICK.

THE husband 's sullen, dogged, shy,  
The wife grows flippant in reply ;  
He loves command and due restriction,  
And she as well likes contradiction.

JOHN GAY.

THEY joyed one joy, one grief they grieved,  
One love they loved, one life they lived.

SIR PHILIP SIDNEY.

SURE the shovel and tongs  
To each other belongs.

SAMUEL LOVER.

HE who marries a woman for her complexion, form, and features marries her not for her true self, but for her soul's old clothes.                                  T. L. HAINES.

SUSPICION, discontent, and strife,  
Come in for dowry with a wife.

ROBERT HERRICK.

THE man at the head of the house can mar the pleasure of the household ; but he cannot make it. That must rest with the woman, and it is her greatest privilege.

SIR ARTHUR HELPS.

HOUSEKEEPING without a wife is a lantern  
without a light. PROVERB.

## PROVERB.

AND after marriage the weeks are even shorter than before ; you wonder why on earth all the single men in the world do not rush tumultuously to the altar.

DONALD G. MITCHELL

THE good or ill hap of a good or ill life, is  
the good or ill choice of a good or ill wife.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

**EVERY** wise woman buildeth her house, but  
the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

BIBLE.

DID a woman [married or a candidate for marriage] ever love who would not give all the years of tasteless serenity for one year, for one month, for one day of uncalculating delirium of love poured out upon the man who returned it? CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER.

THOSE who enter into the married state can seldom forbear to express their repentance, and their envy of those whom either chance or caution hath withheld from it.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

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HE hath tied a knot with his tongue that  
he cannot untie with his teeth.    ANONYMOUS.

THERE is no graver disaster in marriage  
than the death of modest reserve.

HENRY KIRKLAND.

MARRIAGE resembles a pair of shears, so  
joined that they cannot be separated ; often  
moving in opposite directions, yet always  
punishing any one who comes between them.

SYDNEY SMITH.

KEEP thy hook always baited, for a fish  
Lurks ever in the most unlikely swim.

P. OVIDIUS NASO.

As in the unfortunate marriage the most  
minute and indifferent things are objects of  
the sharpest resentment, so in a happy one  
they are occasions of the most exquisite  
satisfaction.                    SIR RICHARD STEELE.

NOTHING confers so much honor upon a  
wife as her patience ; and nothing so little  
as the patience of her husband.

JOSEPH JOUBERT.

WEDLOCK rides on the saddle, and repen-  
tance on the crupper.                    FRENCH PROVERB.

MEN are by themselves employ'd  
 To quit the freedom they enjoy'd,  
 And run their necks into a noose,  
 They'd break 'em after to get loose.

SAMUEL BUTL

HE knew whose gentle hand was on the latch, before the door had given her to eyes.

JOHN KEA

AN absolute lord is this marital gaol  
 He holds the person, property, and reputation of his conjugal prisoner in as fast a grip as ever was built of granite and iron.

"HOUSEHOLD WORDS"

How unjustly  
 Do husbands stretch their censure to all without  
 For the offences of a few, whose vices  
 Reflect dishonor on the rest.

P. TERENTIUS AFRICANUS

IN marriage remember that there is beauty in the devotion that is reckoned.

MRS. JAMES HARCOU

WITH a general sigh  
 At matrimony, the profound mistake.

ROBERT BROWNING

He was reputed one of the wise men  
that made answer to the question, when a  
man should marry: A young man not yet,  
an elder man not at all.      FRANCIS BACON.

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**MARRIAGE NO JOKE.**

THE only advice that can be given to those unfortunates who stagger hither and thither beneath the load of the tempest, is to keep their reeling wits as sober as possible; to speak and act as like rational beings as they can; to remind themselves perpetually that they are living in a world of dreams, out of which they must one day awake, in order that the fading of their garish fancies may be as gradual, and their exit into the world of reality accompanied with as slight a shock as may be. . . . Sad is but too often the reawakening to the reality of life, after an inconsiderate marriage; when the passions, which in the beloved object had been overflowed and hidden by the spring-tide of love,—as the low lumps of rock, rough with shapeless shells and tangled with brown withered seaweeds, are overflowed by a

waveless summer sea,—are again left bare. . . . What then is to be done? Bear your allotted cross meekly. Submit to fate. Marriage is at the best but a leap in the dark; a lottery in which, like those announced at times by itinerating mountebanks, "every ticket's a prize," but few of the prizes worth the cost of the ticket. It is indeed "paying too much for one's whistle" to give all the immeasurable wealth of young emotion and receive in return a shrew, a clod, a fool, or a knave. But "woe that too late repents!" yet nevertheless is better than not repenting at all. Put a good face on the matter. "Men do their broken weapons rather use than their bare hands." Emulate Zani Kiebabs, who when he got a tooth knocked out discovered that he had long wanted a hole to stick his pipe in. There is an alchemy in the mind that can by dint of perseverance transmute evil into good. Men who have lived long amid the clattering of tinsmiths have found themselves unable to sleep without their lullaby. When a learned and venerated friend of ours rendered the town in which he resided the inestimable service of conducting water into it,

the honest burghers complained that the pure liquid "had neither taste nor smell." Seeing that "He who will to Cupar, maun to Cupar," the only advice that can be given to aspirants after connubial bliss is not to expect too much. To the men we would, moreover, hint, that marry whom they may, they ought to eschew silly women. Sentiment it is that attracts man to woman ; and where this is not embedded in, interpenetrated with a goodly portion of intellect, it is shallow and evanescent. To the women we would say, avoid idle men. "Man's love is of man's life a thing apart." Every man has a certain proportion of the commodity, which if treasured up for idle hours will suffice ; but if beat out over his whole time will prove lamentably thin and brittle. Our sermon, we fear, has proved on the whole rather dull ; but the indulgent reader will remember that marriage is no joke.

ANONYMOUS.

## VII.

MARRIAGE is a tie that hope embellishes,  
that happiness preserves, and that adversity  
fortifies.

ALIBERT.

As some old heathen philosophers held  
the business of life to be the preparation for  
death, so some people deem divorce the  
great object of matrimony. "CYNIC."

FOR one marriage of affection and love,  
there are many unions of what the French  
call "convenience"—that is to say, mar-  
riages wherein the prevailing, and often the  
only element is cash.

LADY COOK.

OH, love can take what shape he pleases,  
and when once begun his fiery inroad in the  
soul, how vain the after knowledge which  
his presence gives ! We weep or rave, but  
in marriage still he lives, and lives master  
and lord, amidst pride and tears and pain.

BARRY CORNWALL.

THOSE who are about to marry should remember that the body of a sensualist is the coffin of a dead soul.                            ANONYMOUS.

No navigator has yet traced lines of latitude and longitude on the conjugal sea.

HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

BUT, whether marriage bring joy or sorrow,  
Make sure of this day, and hang to-morrow.

JOHN DRYDEN.

MARRIAGE is the life-long miracle,  
The self-begetting wonder, daily fresh.

CHARLES KINGSLEY.

To be man's tender mate was woman born,  
and in obeying nature she best serves the  
purpose of heaven.   FRIEDRICH VON SCHILLER.

THE last word is the most dangerous of  
infernal machines, and the husband and wife  
should no more fight to get it than they  
would struggle for the possession of a lighted  
bombshell.                                    DOUGLAS JERROLD.

IF you would have a good wife, take the  
daughter who has been a good daughter.

ANONYMOUS.

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FORTUNE and women seeking husband  
have a liking for fools.      GERMAN PROVERB

Most married folks live like Giant Despair  
and his wife Diffidence in Doubting Castle.

MARY DEAN

SHE who makes her husband and her children happy, who reclaims the one from vice and trains up the other to virtue, is a much greater character than ladies described in romance, whose whole occupation is to murder mankind with shafts from the quiver of their eyes.

OLIVER GOLDSMITH

THE married woman is her husband's domestic trust. On her he ought to be able to place his reliance in house and family.

FREDERIKA BREMER

AFTER money, *ennui* makes more marriages than love.

ROMAINVILLE

WHEN a husband is embraced without affection, there must be some reason for it.

HITOPADESA

A HOUSE without woman and firelight, is like a body without soul or spirit.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

WHEN a youth is fully in love with a girl,  
and feels that he is wise in loving her, he  
should at once tell her so plainly, and take  
his chance bravely with other suitors.

JOHN RUSKIN.

CAN'T marry a woman now-a-days till  
you 're so deaf you have to cock your head  
like a parrot to hear what she says, and so  
long-sighted you can't see what she looks  
like nearer than arm's length.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

BUT love me for love's sake, that evermore  
Thou may'st love on through love's eternity.

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING.

ONE should remember that in marriage  
there is no enduring love but that which has  
duty as its brother.        HENRY KIRKLAND.

NOT being well married, it will be good  
excuse for me hereafter to leave my wife.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

IN marriage delusions are as necessary to  
happiness as realities.        A. E. COWLES.

WHERE the gray mare is the better horse,  
there the horse is but an ass.

HENRY FIELDING.

BEFORE marriage and afterwards, let them learn to centre all their hopes of real and lasting happiness in their own fireside.

CHARLES DICKENS.

IN the home our affections are our life.  
We live by them ; they supply our warmth.

WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING.

ONE good husband is worth two good wives ; for the scarcer things are, the more they're valued.                    BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

HE has a great fancy to marry that goes to the devil for a wife.                    ANONYMOUS.

THE man to Jove his suit preferr'd ;  
He begged a wife. His prayer was heard.  
Jove wonder'd at his bold addressing :  
For how precarious is the blessing !

JOHN GAY.

IF marriages  
Are made in Heaven, they should be happier.  
THOMAS SOUTHERN.

IN matrimony, as in other affairs, it is all-important to put the critical question in the way best adapted to the character and disposition of the person concerned.

CHAPERON.

MAN'S happiness is : "I will." Woman's  
happiness is : "He will."

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE.

TRUE conjugal love never reasons, but pro-  
fusely gives ; gives, like a thoughtless prodi-  
gal, its all, and trembles then lest it has done  
too little.

HANNAH MORE.

LOVE is a disorder of the mind which  
draws us toward an object and attaches us  
to it in marriage against our will.

ALAIN RENÉ LESAGE.

THE married praise the ease and freedom  
of a single state, and the single fly to mar-  
riage from the weariness of solitude.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

TREAT your wife as squarely as you treat a  
man who is your partner, and see if it does  
not pay.

MARY JORDAN.

MARRIAGE is the true road to paradise.

DE LA FERRIÈRE.

WHAT, therefore, God hath joined together  
let not man put asunder.

BIBLE.

YOUNG widows still bide their time.

H. W. SHAW.

MARRIAGE is of so much use to a woman, opens out to her so much more of life, and puts her in the way of so much more freedom and usefulness, that whether she marries ill or well, she can hardly miss some benefit.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

MAD is the old man who a young wife weds.

EUSTACHE DESCHAMPS

I TORE my gown, I soil'd my locks with dust;  
And beat my breasts — as wretched widows must :

Before my face my handkerchief I spread  
To hide the flood of tears I did — not she.

ALEXANDER POPE

You see marriage is destinie made :  
heaven, though consummated on earth.

JOHN LYLY

MEN will marry a fool that sings sooner than one that has learned to scoff.

WALTER SMITH

O you most partial gods ! Why gave you men affections, and not power to govern them in matrimonial alliances ?

LUDOVIC BARBIER

THE best wedlock is with equals found.

ÆSCHYLUS.

A DEAF husband and a blind wife are  
always a happy couple.      FRENCH PROVERB.

In the opinion of the world, marriage ends  
all, as it does in a comedy. The truth is  
precisely the reverse ; it begins all.

MADAME SWETCHINE.

'T IS a sweet society of life, full of con-  
stancy, trust, and an infinite number of useful  
and solid offices and mutual obligations ;  
which any woman enjoys who has a right  
taste.

MICHAEL DE MONTAIGNE.

How many women, strange to say, marry  
for the independence they dare not other-  
wise claim.

MRS. ANNA JAMESON.

MEN that marry women very much supe-  
rior to themselves, are not so truly husbands  
to their wives as they are unawares made  
slaves to their portions.

PLUTARCH.

BETTER to have an old man to humor  
than a young man to break your heart.

ANONYMOUS.

WHY are those tears? Why droops your head?  
 Is, then, your other husband dead?  
 Or does a worse disgrace betide?  
 Has no one since his death applied?

JOHN GAY.

MARRY above thy match, and thou 'lt get a master.      BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

STORY and experience tell us  
 That man grows old, and woman jealous;  
 Both would their little ends secure:  
 He sighs for freedom, she for power.

MATTHEW PRIOR.

HOWEVER old a conjugal union, it still garners some sweetness. Winter has some cloudless days, and under the snow a few flowers still bloom.      MADAME DE STAËL.

THE hearts of old gave hands;  
 But our new heraldry is hands, not hearts.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

I URGE, then, young men, wed not too late,  
 Becoming fathers only in old age,  
 And plaguing a young wife with an old husband.      EURIPIDES.



LOVE is a deluding guide to matrimony.

MAXIM.

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A BACHELOR'S SPECULATIONS.

WHAT is love? mused I ; at the first, but a mere fancy. There is a prettiness that your soul cleaves to, as your eye to a pleasant flower, or your ear to a soft melody. Presently admiration comes in, as a sort of balance-wheel for the eccentric revolutions of your fancy, and your admiration is touched off with such neat quality as respect. Too much of this, indeed, they say, deadens the fancy, and so retards the action of the heart-machinery. But with a proper modicum to serve as a stock, devotion is grafted in ; and then, by an agreeable and confused mingling, all these qualities and affections of the soul become transfused into that vital feeling called Love. Your heart seems to have gone over to another and better counterpart of your humanity ; what is left of you seems the mere husk of some kernel that has been stolen. It is not an emotion of yours, which is making very easy voyages towards another soul, — that may be shortened or lengthened

at will,— but it is a passion that is only yours because it is *there*; the more it lodges there, the more keenly you feel it to be yours. The qualities that feed this passion may indeed belong to you, but they never gave birth to such an one before, simply because there was no place in which it could grow. Nature is very provident in these matters. The chrysalis does not burst until there is a wing to help the gauze-fly upward. The shell does not break until the bird can breathe; nor does the swallow quit its nest until the wings are tipped with the airy oars. This passion is strong just in proportion as the atmosphere it finds is tender of its life. Let that atmosphere change into too great coldness, and the passion becomes a wreck,— not yours, because it is not worth your having, nor vital, because it has lost the soil where it grew. But is it not laying the reproach in a high quarter, to say that those qualities of the heart which begot this passion are exhausted and will not thenceforth germinate throughout all your lifetime? Take away the worm-eaten frame from your arbor plant and the wrenched arms of the despoiled climber will not, at the first, touch any new

trellis. They cannot in a day change the habit of a year. But let the new support stand firmly, and the needy tendrils will presently lay hold upon the stronger; and your plant will regain its pride and pomp,—cherishing, perhaps, in its bent figure, a memento of the Old, but in its more earnest and abounding life mindful only of its sweet dependence on the New. Let the poets say what they will, these affections of ours are not blind, stupid creatures, to starve under polar snows, when the very breezes of Heaven are the appointed messengers to guide them toward warmth and sunshine.

DONALD G. MITCHELL.

MARRIAGE is the best state for man in general; and every man is a worse man in proportion as he is unfit for the marriage state.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

I HAVE met with women who I really think would like to be married to a Poem, and to be given away by a Novel. JOHN KEATS.

MARRIAGE is a medicine which acts differently on good men and good women. She does not love him quite enough: cure — marriage. He loves her a little too much: cure — marriage. CHARLES READE.

LOVE in marriage should be the accomplishment of a beautiful dream, and not, as it too often proves, the end.

ALPHONSE KARR.

BETTER to wed a woman well brought-up,  
Though dowerless, than one ill-bred with  
money,

Who, with her wealth, thy partner 'll be for  
life. DIODORUS SINOPENSIS.

THERE are more married people who wish to be loved than there are who are willing to love.

SÉBASTIEN ROCH NICOLAS CHAMFORT.

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EN dream in courtship, but in wedlock

ALEXANDER POPE.

IE wife who cannot do much herself can  
ast honor and love a man who can.

MARY ELIZABETH WHITE.

BELIEVE that in making good or bad  
s almost everything is in the hands of  
husband.

SACCHETTI.

EAUTY and the Beast may be a pretty  
-tale, but in the realism of practical life  
sumes the guise of a tragedy that makes  
ooker-on shudder with disgusting pity.

MARION HARLAND.

MARRIAGE is the beginning and pinnacle  
of civilization.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE.

HE object of the ascetic was to attract  
a life of virginity, and, as a conse-  
marriage was treated as an inferior

WILLIAM EDWARD HARTPOLE LECKY.

HAVE always found that the road to a  
n's heart lies through her child.

JUDGE HALIBURTON.

LAMENT not, Eve, but patiently resign  
What justly thou hast lost. JOHN MILTON

HOWEVER dull a woman may be, she will  
understand all there is in conjugal love ; how-  
ever intelligent a man may be, he will never  
know but half of it. MADAME FÉLICIA

A GROWING moon and a flowing tide a  
lucky times to marry in. IRISH PROVERB

WELL-MARRIED, a man is winged ; i  
matched, he is shackled.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

No fairer guerdon than a noble wife  
May man obtain ; none deadlier than a bad  
one. HESIOD

MARRIAGE is the strictest tie of perpetual  
friendship, and there can be no friendship  
without confidence, and no confidence without  
integrity. SAMUEL JOHNSON

WHENE'ER a poor man chooses for his bride  
A wife who brings with her great store  
wealth,  
Himself he gives away, not her he takes.

MENANDUS

SWEET-ARTS ! Thanks to the Lord I niver  
not listened to noan ! ALFRED TENNYSON.

THERE ought at least to be some analogy  
between the past and the future, to prevent  
the suddenness of the contrast from turning  
out a stumbling-stone for the future spouses.

ANONYMOUS.

PROVIDENCE has so ordained it that only  
two women have a true interest in the hap-  
piness of man,— his own mother and the  
mother of his children. OCTAVE FEUILLET.

A LATENT discontent is the secret spur of  
most of our enterprises. Marriage, by mak-  
ing us more contented, causes us often to be  
less enterprising. BOVEE.

SOME Cupid kills with arrows, some with  
traps. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

CHANCE ordereth women's bridals. Some  
I mark fair, and some foul of issue among  
men. EURIPIDES.

POOR Hymen, once that Love has flown,  
Is left with but one wing to spread.

J. B. ROUSSEAU.

WHILE other doublets deviate here and ther  
 What secret handcuff binds that pretty pair?  
 Compactest couple ! pressing side to side, -  
 Ah ! the white bonnet — that reveals the  
 bride. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

MAN is the circled oak ; woman the ivy.  
AARON HILL

MARRY your son when you will, but your  
 daughter when you can. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

IF you would have the nuptial union last  
 Let virtue be the bond that ties it fast. NICHOLAS ROWE

THE most precious home possession which  
 ever comes to a man in this world is  
 woman's heart. JOSIAH GILBERT HOLLAND

IN marriage never taunt with a painful  
 mistake. MAXIMUS

CHOOSE well the season to lead home the  
 bride,

Not wanting many of thy thirty years,  
 Nor far exceeding ; then 't is time to wed. HESIOD

LOVE is a malicious blind boy, who seeks  
to blind the eyes of his guide, that both may  
go astray together in wedlock.

ANONYMOUS.

I LOOK at them girls and feel as the fellah  
did when he missed catchin' the trout.  
'To'od 'a' cost more butter to cook him 'n  
he's worth. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

WHEN fix'd to one, love safe at anchor rides,  
And dares the fury of the wind and tides,  
But losing once that hold, to the wide ocean  
borne

It drives away at will, to every wave of scorn.  
JOHN DRYDEN.

Is not marriage an open question, when it  
is alleged, from the beginning of the world,  
that such as are in the institution wish to get  
out, and such as are out wish to get in?

RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

No man or woman either will promise and  
vow eternal fidelity for the sake of friendship  
alone. HENRY ALBRIGHT.

MARRIAGE makes the rough man gentle,  
and gives the cultivated man the best oppor-  
tunity to practise his gentleness.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE.

OH, happy, happy, thrice happy state,  
When such a bright planet governs the fate  
    Of a pair of united lovers !  
'T is theirs in spite of the serpent's hiss,  
To enjoy the pure primeval kiss  
With as much of the old original bliss  
    As mortality ever recovers !

THOMAS HOOD.

**He who has a bonnie wife needs mair than twa een.** SCOTCH PROVERB.

### SCOTCH PROVERB.

MANY a marriage has commenced, like the morning, red, and perished like the mushroom.

FREDERIKA BREMER.

SISTERS part from sisters, brothers from brothers, children from their parents, but a virtuous woman from the husband of her choice never. SHERIDAN KNOWLES.

SHERIDAN KNOWLES.

## MARRIAGE is a taming thing.

GEORGE ELIOT.

THE marriage of reason (whose sweets have lasted about as long as spring-tide flowers) ends ninety times out of a hundred, in a separation. ANONYMOUS.

MARRIAGE A COMMONPLACE TRANSACTION.

WHEN Mr. Gamaliel Pickle had determined to commit matrimony he made his proposals after a very mercantile fashion. "Madam," he wrote, "having a parcel of heart to dispose of, warranted sound, shall be glad to treat with you for same." The veracious Dr. Smollett, who records the offer, is careful to tell his readers that it was accepted, and that Mr. Pickle and his spouse lived thereafter in moderate content and happiness. We who live in the nineteenth century are accustomed to pride ourselves on having got rid of this sort of thing and on making love after a much more chivalrous fashion than our ancestors. . . . Yet in spite of this assumption tacit and expressed, there are innumerable proofs that by large numbers of persons marriage is regarded as the most commonplace and matter-of-fact business transaction in the world. Johnson, who has acquired a sufficient income to make a great house a matter of necessity, "looks out for a wife" to sit at the head of his table and to check the housekeeping books. Tompkins, who inherits a large landed estate, desires an heir

to follow him, and so runs over the list of his female acquaintance in hope of finding some one who may not be wholly unbearable as a companion and who may yet fulfil the duties of a wife with all decency and propriety. Brown, who is poor, wants money and seeks a mate whose fortune shall supply the deficiencies of his own, and whose society shall atone for the neglect with which his male acquaintance are apt to treat him. Jones, who is neither rich nor poor, but who does not go much into society, wants some one to whom he can talk when he leaves his office and retires to his gloomily respectable house for the evening. And finally Robinson, who has been a little "gay" in his younger days, requires a nurse to soothe the loneliness of his declining years, and to keep at bay the gang of harpies who, under the name of relations, sow perennial thorns in his pillow, poison his gruel, and mix the ashes of the dead sea with his nightly chicken-broth. All these classes want wives; but it must be obvious that in their cases matrimony is a mere matter of business, quite as certainly as in the famous instance of Mr. Gamaliel Pickle. . . . There are always managing

mammas who are always ready to part with their darlings to the highest bidder, and who in some cases contrive to do a fair stroke of business through their astuteness in this particular. A good many of the young ladies of the present day, too, are singularly acute in husband hunting, and, despising the old romantic notions of love in a cottage and humble strife with poverty, are ready to marry anybody who promises them a comfortable home and its customary accessories, totally irrespective of age, temper, or personal qualifications in their husbands. Finally and unfortunately, there are a great many girls who have no particular vocation for matrimony, but who regard it as a means of getting a living, a little more respectable than some other recognized modes, and a good deal less laborious than that domestic service or pursuit of the millinery art for which by nature and education they appear to be best fitted. To all such persons the matrimonial market is open.

"BELGRAVIA."

## IX.

Is 't not enough plagues, wars, and famines  
rise,  
To lash our crimes, but must our wives be  
wise?

EDWARD YOUNG.

AMONG married persons of the common size and texture of minds, the grievances they occasion one another are rather feelings of irritated temper than of hurt sentiment.

JOHN FOSTER.

LOVE in a household is a thing to be worked for,—not an over-ripe pear which will drop into the mouth of the first gaping clown.

ANONYMOUS.

TAKES a whole piece o' goods to cover a girl up now-a-days. I'd as lief undertake to keep a span of elephants,—and take an ostrich to board, too,—as to marry one of 'em.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

IT is harder to marry a daughter well than to bring her up well.

PROVERB.

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MISTRESS, know yourself; down on your knees,  
And thank heaven, fasting, for a good man's love.

For I must tell you friendly in your ear,  
Sell when you can: you are not for all markets.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

ONE great mistake that many silly women make is to think that a dash of wickedness makes a man more attractive.

MARION HARLAND.

MARRIAGE to maids is like a war to men; the battle causes fear, but the sweet hope of winning at the last still draws them in.

MARY LEE.

I KNOW not which live more unnatural lives, Obeying husbands, or commanding wives.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

THE sanctity of marriage and the family relation make the corner-stone of our American society and civilization.

JAMES A. GARFIELD.

SHE that is born handsome is born married.

PROVERB.

SHE who guides her own life wisely and well, will not rule her household with an erring hand.

GAIL HAMILTON.

THIS spectre of the female politician, who abandons her family to neglect for the sake of passing bills in parliament, is just as complete an illusion of the masculine brain, as the other spectre whom Sydney Smith laid by a joke — the woman who would forsake her infant for a quadratic equation.

FRANCES POWER COBBÉ.

RAREST of prizes such a wife as this ;  
Not rare at all to own a worthless spouse.

EURIPIDES.

MARRIAGE is the mother of the world, and preserves kingdoms, and fills cities, churches, and heaven itself.

JEREMY TAYLOR.

LET no one who loves be called altogether unhappy ; even conjugal love unreturned has its rainbow.

J. M. BARRIE.

THERE are head-troubles and mind-troubles as hard to bear as prison fetters, and they may be greatly lightened by the sympathy of a true wife.

W. H. DAVENPORT ADAMS.

ADAM'S sons are my brethren ; and truly,  
I hold it a sin to match in my kindred.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

I LAY this down as a self-evident proposition : a woman of sense married to the right man can do anything. GAIL HAMILTON.

IN the English novel of society, although the theme be marriage, it is not necessarily love. GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS.

Now voe me I can zing on my business  
abrode ;  
Though the storm do beat down on my  
poll,  
There 's a wife brighten'd vire at the end  
of my road,  
. An' her love voe the jay o' my soul.

WILLIAM BARNES.

MEN after a certain time of life are comparatively indifferent to sugar-plums (though not to golden ones), whereas there is no period in a lady's life when bonbons are unappreciated. U. CALDWELL.

HE that said it was not good for man to be alone, placed the celibate amongst the inferior states of perfection. T. BOYLE.

MARRIAGE reawakens in a man his earlier ideals, and supplies the deeper and more permanent ones which round out his life.

HJALMAR HJORTH BOYESEN, 2d.

LET not thy bride be poor, how generous soever; for a man can buy nothing in the market with gentility.      LORD BURLEIGH.

Love begins too well to end well in wedlock.

M. J. E. DAUMAS.

I TAKE it to be the first maxim in a married condition that you are to be above trifles.

SIR RICHARD STEELE.

SECRETS of marriage still are sacred held ;  
Their sweet and bitter by the wise concealed.

JOHN DRYDEN.

HERE is that wife, — who makes her sex our plague,  
Wedlock our bugbear, — perhaps with cause enough.

ROBERT BROWNING.

THE woman, not the dowry, 't is he weds.

MENANDER.

CONJUGAL love is never lasting which flames before it burns.

FELTHAM.

FEW of either sex are ever united to their first love. Yet married people jog on and call each other "my dear," and "my darling" all the same.

EDWARD BULWER LYTTON.

MONSIEUR, who was a little saint, a docile slave while fingering the dowry, suddenly feels his despotic instincts struggling in his bosom stronger than ever. ANONYMOUS.

MANY take a wife and most of them prosper; it is only the few who stumble.

TALMUD.

BUT alas! alas! for the woman's fate  
Who has from a mob to choose a mate!

'T is a strange and painful mystery!  
But the more the eggs, the worse the hatch;  
The more the fish, the worse the catch;  
The more the sparks, the worse the match;  
Is a fact in woman's history.

THOMAS HOOD.

WOMEN wear the breeches.

ROBERT BURTON.

AN thou wilt needs thrust thy neck into a yoke, wear the print of it, and sigh away Sundays. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

HAPPINESS, like everything else, must be to a certain extent economized to last a lifetime ; and the greatest wedded happiness, being founded on mutual esteem, is naturally of comparatively slow growth. U. CALDWELL.

CHOOSING a wife is an action of life, like unto a stratagem of war ; wherein a man can err but once !

SIR PHILIP SIDNEY.

IT is vain for a man to be born fortunate, if he be unfortunate in his marriage.

DACIER.

BUT for the institution of marriage, learning and refinement would expire, government sink into the gulf of anarchy ; and religion, hunted from earth, would hasten back to her native heavens.

TIMOTHY DWIGHT.

MARRIAGE often unites for life two persons who scarcely know each other.

HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

— Of all the actions of a man's life his marriage doth least concern other people ; yet of all actions of our life it is most meddled with by other people.

JOHN SELDEN.

LOVE, in marriage and out, decreases  
when it ceases to increase.

François Auguste de Chateaubriand.

IF rightly taken, marriage is the best of all  
human societies. Michael de Montaigne.

THE parties who are to become man and  
wife begin by making mutual war.

Anonymous.

I LOOK upon wives as on good dull com-  
panions

For elder brothers to sleep out their time  
with :

All we can hope for in the marriage bed  
Is but to take rest ; and what care I  
Who lays my pillow for me ? John Dryden.

CHOOSE a fresh wife every spring or New  
Year's day, for the Almanack of last year is  
good for nothing. Shaikh Sadi.

NATURE has directly formed woman to be  
a mother, only indirectly to be a wife ; man,  
on the contrary, is rather made to be a hus-  
band than a father. Jean Paul Richter.

GOD, the best maker of all marriages,  
Combine your hearts in one !

William Shakespeare.

WHEN a man and woman are married their romance ceases and their history commences.

ROCHEBRUNE.

HONEST men marry soon, wise men never.

SCOTCH PROVERB.

As unto the bow the cord is,  
So unto the man is woman ;  
Though she bends him she obeys him ;  
Though she draws him, yet she follows,  
Useless each without the other.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW.

IN marriage your happiness is immense,  
but how serious also !

M. J. MICHELET.

HUSBANDS and wives talk of the cares of  
matrimony, and bachelors and spinsters bear  
them.

WILKIE COLLINS.

HAVE ever more care that thou be beloved  
of thy wife, rather than thyself besotted on  
her.

SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

How is it the poets have said so many  
fair things about our first love, so few about  
our later love ?

GEORGE ELIOT.

MANY little esteem their own lives, yet, for  
remorse of their wives and children, would  
be withheld.

EDMUND SPENSER.

A MAN may be cheerful and contented in celibacy, but I do not think he can ever be happy ; it is an unnatural state, and the best feelings of his nature are never called into action.

ROBERT SOUTHEY.

LOVE is more pleasing than marriage, because romances are more amusing than history.

SÉBASTIEN ROCH NICOLAS CHAMFORT.

A RICH widow is the only kind of second-hand goods that will always sell at prime cost.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

THE solitariness of man . . . God hath namely and principally ordered to prevent by marriage.

JOHN MILTON.

CUT down by the axe of Virginity the wood of Marriage.

ST. JEROME.

LOVE is often a fruit of marriage.

J. B. POQUELIN MOLIÈRE.

HE that marries is like the Doge who was married to the Adriatic. He knows not what there is in that which he marries ; mayhap treasures and pearls, mayhap monsters and tempests await him.

HEINRICH HEINE.

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## THE STRATEGY OF MATRIMONY.

THE strategy of the matrimonial campaign is this : a young man getting on for thirty, tired of single life, without parents or expecting soon to lose them, exercising a profession whose seriousness is more suited to a family man than to a bachelor, or possessing a handsome competency of which his wife alone can do the honors,—this young man desires to marry. In his more or less limited circle of acquaintance he does not know a single girl whose outward charms have made much impression on him, or whose fortune is large enough to tempt him ; nevertheless he wishes to get married. He confides his intentions to two or three friends. Oh ! *moi Dieu*, he will not be over particular. Provided the young lady belong to a well-considered family, in a social position equal or superior to his own ; provided that a similar concordance exist between their fortunes, and finally, if possible, that the person herself be not altogether repulsive, he will require nothing more. Be she tall or short, fat or thin, fair or dark, well-educated or ignorant, gentle or cross-grained, healthy or sickly, it is all

to him. Equality of fortune and position are the two grand items ; all the rest are accessories. The friends then are on the lookout ; they discover a score of marriageable girls. The postulant has no other difficulty than that of making his selection. A fête, a ball, a call, a dinner, a simple meeting brought about by a third party brings the two enemies face to face. The word “enemies” is not employed by chance. When two armies or diplomatists have met, what is their first, their only care ? Of course, to obtain the best possible conditions at the expense of the adverse party. And what means do they employ to accomplish that end ? They conceal their forces and their lowest terms, which they only allow to appear when all is over. In all the matrimonial negotiations whence marriages of reason result, matters are conducted exactly as they are by diplomatists. Both of them, suitor and maid, paint — not perhaps their faces, although the least said about that the better ; but their looks, their words, their attitude, endeavoring to adorn themselves with moral and physical advantages of which closer intimacy will show that they are utterly devoid. What does it sig-

nify? A good opportunity offers itself; no time is to be lost in striking the bargain. Nobody can live on love and spring water. Money in the funds, farms in Normandy, vineyards in the Côte d'Or, a notary's office with plenty of clients, are precious things of the very first importance. If by and by the house becomes unbearable, the fortune with its little additions can be divided into two equal shares, and all will go on smoothly again. The young couple then are brought together; the combat is about to begin; for an hour or two the suitor, without coming forward or compromising himself, is able to scrutinize with his eyes the person proposed to him as a wife. . . . All goes well. . . . Fresh presentation, fresh dissimulation. During a month, three times a week, for two hours at a sitting, the lover pays his respects to his affianced bride. . . . "All the proprieties have been observed," stupidly say their worldly acquaintances. "They are perfectly assorted!" . . . Wait a bit, good people.

"ALL THE YEAR ROUND."

## X.

THE love of some men for their wives is like that of Alfieri for his horse. "My attachment for him," said he, "went so far as to destroy my peace every time that he had the least ailment; but my love for him did not prevent me from cutting and chafing him whenever he did not wish to go my way."

BOVEE.

HEARTS with equal love combined kindle never-dying fires. THOMAS CAREW.

LET no woman in my house know more than a woman should. EURIPIDES.

A MATRIMONIAL precept:—  
All other debts may compensation find,  
But Love is strict and must be paid in kind.  
JOHN DRYDEN.

MARRY too soon and you 'll repent too late.  
A sentence worth your meditation;  
For marriage is a serious thing.

THOMAS RANDOLPH.

HE that marries for money sells his liberty.

PROVERB.

LOOK out for a girl distinguished by her attention and sweetness to her parents.

FORDYCE.

ENGLAND is a paradise for women and a hell for horses ; Italy a paradise for horses and a hell for women. ROBERT BURTON.

THE husband reigns, but it 's the wife that governs. PUNCH.

BEFORE marriage men are idealists ; after marriage, realists. Actual experience is a sort of letting down from the clouds of romance. HENRY KIRKLAND.

BRIGHT Venus on her rolling throne  
Is drawn by gentlest birds alone,  
And Cupids yoke the doves.

ISAAC WATTS.

REASON, my son,  
Should choose himself a wife ; but as good reason  
The father, all whose joy is nothing else  
But fair posterity, should hold some counsel  
In such a business. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

MAN's greatest tyrants are his wife and  
children. EURIPIDES.

WHAT greater thing is there for two human souls than to feel that they are joined for life — to strengthen each other in all labor, to rest on each other in all sorrow, to minister to each other in all pain, to be one with each other in silent, unspeakable memories at the moment of the last parting. GEORGE ELIOT.

SCORN conjugal love and dread the doom for you. GEORGE MEREDITH.

THE husband of an ugly woman should be blind. SHAikh SADI.

THEMISTOCLES, being asked whether he would rather marry his daughter to an indigent man of merit or to a worthless man of estate, replied that he should prefer a man without an estate to an estate without a man.

ANONYMOUS.

MARRIAGE from love, like vinegar from wine,—  
A sad, sour, sober beverage, — by time  
Is sharpened from its high celestial flavor  
Down to a very homely household savor.

LORD BYRON.

O LOVE of loves ! to thy white hand is  
given of earthly happiness the golden key.

DR. CROLY.

THE married-life is always an insipid, a  
vexatious, or a happy condition.

SIR RICHARD STEELE.

MARRIAGE is a science.

HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

SINCE I do purpose to marry, I will think  
nothing to any purpose that the world can  
say against it ; and therefore never flout at  
me for what I have said against it.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

DOMESTIC happiness is the end of almost  
all our pursuits, and the common reward of  
all our pains.

HENRY FIELDING.

MEN should keep their eyes wide-open  
before marriage, and half-shut afterwards.

MADAME SCUDÉRI.

A WOMAN of Athens once asked a Lacede-  
monian wife, by way of satire, what portion  
she had given to her husband. " My chas-  
tity," was her noble reply.

ANONYMOUS.

IT is considered a reproach for a woman to be an "old maid." She must, therefore, by all possible means, lure some man into marriage.

LADY COOK.

A GOOD wife is heaven's last, best gift to man ; his angel and minister of graces innumerable ; his gem of many virtues ; his casket of jewels ; her voice his sweet music ; her smiles his brightest day ; her kiss the guardian of his innocence ; her arms the pall of his safety, the balm of his health, the balsam of his life.

JEREMY TAYLOR.

DOUBTING the reality of conjugal love leads to doubting everything.

HENRI FRÉDÉRIC AMIEL.

AMERICAN women do not marry until their understandings are exercised and ripened ; whereas in other countries most women generally only begin to exercise and to ripen their understandings after marriage.

ALEXIS DE TOQUEVILLE.

To all married men be this caution,  
Which they should duly tender as their life,—  
Neither to dote too much, nor doubt a wife.

PHILIP MASSINGER.

WHO could foretell this sore distress,  
 This irretrievable disaster,  
 When first we met?— We did not guess  
 That Love would prove so hard a master.

ROBERT BRIDGES.

A WISE man in his house should find a wife gentle and courteous, or no wife at all.

EURIPIDES.

THOSE that are out butt heads against the pane,  
 Those that are in butt to get out again.

OLD ENGLISH SONG.

A MAN of sense and education should meet a suitable companion in a wife. It is a miserable thing when the conversation can only be such as whether the mutton should be boiled or roasted, and probably a dispute about that.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

THE wife who is given to a man against her will becomes his enemy.

PLAUTUS.

THE good husband keeps his wife in the wholesome ignorance of unnecessary secrets.

SIR RICHARD STEELE.

HE that marries before he is wise will die before he thrives.

SCOTCH PROVERB.

CONNUBIAL happiness is a thing of too fine a texture to be handled roughly. It is a sensitive plant, which will not bear even the touch of unkindness ; a delicate flower, which indifference will chill and suspicion blast.

SPRAT.

It is no merit of mine that he loves me ; but it will be my fault if he ceases to love.

GEORGE ELIOT.

I MAY chance have some odd quirks and remnants of wit broken on me because I have railed so long against marriage : but doth not the appetite alter ?

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

IF you wish to ruin yourself, marry a rich wife.

JULES MICHELET.

I HAVE had joy given me as preposterously and as impertinently as they give it to men who marry where they do not love.

SIR JOHN SUCKLING.

WE could no more fall in love with some husbands and wives than we could with the ten commandments.

MADEMOISELLE LECLERC.

HERE lies my wife ; 'tis doubtless best,  
For she and I are both at rest.

DU LORENS. (Epitaph on his wife.)

To dwell happily together, they should be  
versed in the niceties of the heart, and born  
with a faculty for willing compromise.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

A HAPPY family is but an earlier heaven.

JOHN BOWRING.

THE world well tried, the sweetest thing in  
life

Is the unclouded welcome of a wife.

N. P. WILLIS.

THE wife that loves the looking-glass hates  
the saucepan.

ANONYMOUS.

BEFORE marriage love grows and does not  
question ; after marriage it questions and  
does not grow.

EDITH WYATT.

THERE is one name which I can never  
utter without a reverence due to the religion  
which binds earth to heaven — a name which  
to men should be the symbol of life cheered,  
beautified, exalted, and hallowed — and that  
is the name of wife.

EDWARD BULWER LYTTON.

LOVE laughs indeed at logic as well as at locksmiths, but in the end, in wedlock, accepts them both. SAMUEL OSGOON.

IT is a mistake to consider marriage merely as a scheme of happiness. It is also a bond of service. J. CHAPIN.

IT is as absurd to pretend that one cannot love the same woman always as to pretend that a good artist needs several violins to execute a piece of music.

HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

COURTSHIP is a fine bowling-green turf, all galloping round and sweetheating, a sunshine holiday in summer time ; but when once through matrimony's turnpike, the weather becomes wintry, and some husbands are seized with a cold aguish fit, to which the faculty gives the name of indifference.

G. A. STEVENS.

ARE you marrying a wife, Posthumous ?  
By what Fury, say, by what snakes  
Are you driven mad ?

DECIMUS JUNIUS JUVENALIS.

EVERY man can guide an ill wife but him  
who has her. SCOTCH PROVERB.

IN all the marriages I have ever seen, most of which have been unhappy ones, the great cause of evil has proceeded from slight occasions.

SIR RICHARD STEELE.

MARRIAGE is a matter of more worth  
Than to be dealt in by attorneyship.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

NOR do women appear to be endued with constancy of mind to endure the pinch of so hard and durable a knot.

MICHAEL DE MONTAIGNE.

WHEN I marry a flirt, I will buy second-hand clothes of the Jews.

DONALD G. MITCHELL.

IT is true that every marriage cannot be happy, but it is equally true that happiness, or at least contentment, is the rule and not the exception.

HJALMAR HJORTH BOYESSEN, 2d.

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#### HINTS ON PROPOSALS.

MOST women allow that in the course of their lives they have gone through, at least once, the ordeal of a "proposal," but then they feel bound in honor not to disclose cir-

cumstances and particulars. Men naturally enough utterly refuse to detail their experiences on this subject. Their Edith or Georgina sits at the head of their table, and the mystical words used to induce her to assume that happy position, whether inspired by the feelings of the moment or guided by the light of numerous previous failures, we are never allowed to know. I, therefore, as an elderly matron, hope for some gratuity from the rising generation if I offer a few suggestions and write down such information on this mysterious subject as I have stored up in the course of a long life. In the first place, then : Avoid too much haste in matrimonial matters. A clever writer in the "Saturday Review" recommends no man to marry till he has seen his beloved with a cold in her head. If his affection will stand this test, nothing, he thinks, can kill it ; but this writer, I gather from internal evidence in his own article, is young and a bachelor, and has evidently never made a sea voyage. However, his theory is good as far as it goes, and might, if generally acted upon, prevent some *contretemps* arising from hasty offers of marriage. In the second place : Always deal

with principals. If a young girl is too young to know her own mind, you had better wait till she is older ; and if she is too undecided to judge of her own feelings, why not choose some one a little wiser ? I know a fine disposition which was soured, and the course of two lives materially darkened, by a churlish old father who never told his daughter of the declaration of attachment he had received for her, because he considered the income offered to be insufficient. Thirdly : Never express strong determinations on the subject of marriage unless you mean to break them. I have seldom heard an old bachelor declare that he had determined not to marry, without feeling sure that the subject was engrossing a good deal of his thoughts, and soon afterward seeing his marriage advertised in the "Morning Post." If a man assures you he could never marry a widow, or a fast young lady, or a girl who is fat, he is sure to do it ; and when the young girls who honor me with their confidence assure me they never could marry a man who is short, or who can't ride across country, or who wears a beard, or who has only five hundred pounds a year, or a country squire who rides

without straps or forgets to wear gloves, consider that their doom is sealed, and that their husbands will be the opposites of their youthful ideal in these particulars. Lastly: Always secure your retreat in love as in war. This is a precaution never to be neglected. Mr. A., brother to the late Lord Z., whose proud and haughty temper was proverbial, proposed to a lady in Portman Square Garden. After being refused, the rejected lover turned away in great indignation, but finding the gate of the garden locked was obliged to return to the lady to petition for the key. . . . Pause, then, and prosper, my young reader. Bear with you on your pathway the elderly chaperon's best wishes for your happy entrance into this land of promise.

AN EXPERIENCED CHAPERON.

## XI.

HAPPY is he who weds a noble wife,  
And happy, too, is he who weds her not.

EURIPIDES.

OH, husbands and wives, be swift to love,  
make haste to be kind.

HENRI FRÉDÉRIC AMIEL.

AN intelligent wife can make her home, in  
spite of exigencies, pretty much what she  
pleases. WILLIAM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY.

AFTER marriage it may be that *reconciliations* after disagreements are accompanied  
by a peculiar fascinating tenderness.

JOHN FOSTER.

EVEN in the midst of great enterprises  
domestic affections prove the basis of life,  
and the most brilliant career has only in-  
complete and superficial enjoyments, if it be  
a stranger to the happy bonds of family and  
friendship.

F. P. G. GUIZOT.

THE principle of life, the element of religion, the link between the soul and God,—  
conjugal Love.                                    LEW WALLACE.

AFTER the hearts of the man and the wife are endeared and hardened by a mutual confidence, and experience longer than artifice and pretence can last, there are a great many remembrances, and some things present, that dash all little unkindnesses in pieces.

JEREMY TAYLOR.

MARRIAGE is often the death of love.

ALPHONSE KARR.

THE marriage state is like a coop built stout :  
The outs would fain be in, the ins be out.

OLD GERMAN SONG.

A MARRIED man has many cares, but a bachelor no pleasures.      SAMUEL JOHNSON.

THERE are always more tricks in marriage than are noted in the handbooks.

HENRY KIRKLAND.

IN marriage never let the sun go down upon any anger or grievance.      MAXIM.

AH ! thrice unhappy he who, being poor, shall wed, and sons beget.      MENANDER.

To love early and marry late, is to hear a lark singing at dawn, and at night to eat it roasted for supper.      JEAN PAUL RICHTER.

TRUE passion is not a wisp-light ; it is a consuming flame, and either it must find fruition [in wedlock] or it will burn the human heart to dust and ashes.

WILLIAM WINTER.

AN obedient wife commands her husband.

ALFRED TENNYSON.

HE who would wed is marching toward repentance.      PHILEMON.

IT is too severe on a husband for a woman to be given both to flirtation and devotion ; she should make her choice.

JEAN DE LA BRUYÈRE.

HE who marries a beauty marries trouble.

YOMBAS.

MARRIAGE has utility, justice, honor, and constancy for its share.

MICHAEL DE MONTAIGNE.

MARRIAGES are best of dissimilar material.

THEODORE PARKER.

An uncertain marriage law is a national calamity. ANONYMOUS.

MARRIAGE, if one believes the vulgar saw,  
Has two fair days, the first one and the last.

PFERD.

If men of ample means would take for wives the daughters of the poorer sort unportioned, there would be greater concord in the state.

PLAUTUS.

NE'ER by her beauty wife has husband aided,  
But by their virtue many. EURIPIDES.

EURIPIDES.

MAN may be monogamous in the very lowest degree of savagery and stupidity; certain animals are so; but in humanity it is more often the instinct of polygamy which predominates. CH. LETOURNEAU.

CH. LETOURNEAU.

In marriage passion makes the best observations and the sorriest conclusions.

JEAN PAUL RICHTER.

If a man really loves a woman, of course he would n't marry her for the world if he were not quite sure that he was the best person she could by any possibility marry.

## OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

A GOOD wife lost is God's gift lost.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

IN true marriage lies  
 Nor equal, nor unequal : each fulfils  
 Defect in each, and always thought in thought,  
 Purpose in purpose, will in will they grow,  
 The single, pure, and perfect animal,  
 The two-cell'd heart, beating with one full  
 stroke,

Life.

ALFRED TENNYSON.

WEDLOCK 's a lane where there is no turning.

DINAH MULOCK CRAIK.

A HEARTH of one's own and a good wife  
 are as good as gold and pearls.

GERMAN PROVERB.

JARS concealed are half-reconciled ; 't is a  
 double task, to stop the breach at home and  
 men's mouths abroad. To this end, a good  
 husband never publicly reproves his wife.

T. FULLER.

FOR a young man to marry a young woman  
 is of the Lord ; for an old man to marry a  
 young woman is of man ; for a young man  
 to marry an old woman is of the devil !

ANONYMOUS.

A WORLD-WITHOUT-END bargain.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

GOD'S presence dwells in a pure and loving home.

TALMUD.

THE highest gift and favor of God is a pious, kind, godly, and domestic wife, with whom thou mayst live peaceably, and to whom thou mayst intrust all thy possessions, yea, thy body and thy life.

MARTIN LUTHER.

WE would say to all ladies in search of a husband, beware of a sentimental man. He is a selfish voluptuary: he would take without giving. He has lived over in fancy all that gives happiness in reality, and the edge of his feelings has been blunted.

HENRY ALBRIGHT.

To die and part  
Is a less evil, — but to part and live,  
There, there's the torment.

LORD LANSDOWNE.

THE woman's vision is deep reaching, the man's far reaching. With the man the world is his heart, with the woman her heart is her world. CHRISTIAN DIETRICH GRABBE.

LOVE is a necessity in marriage ; without it those who enter into matrimony would be comparable to a sot who drinks only to intoxicate himself.

PLUTARCH.

THE world's wrack, we share o't,  
The wrestle and the care o't;  
Wi' her I'll blithely bear it  
And think my lot divine.

ROBERT BURNS.

THERE are good marriages, but there are no delightful ones.

FRANÇOIS DE LA ROCHEFOUCAULD.

MARRIAGE has its unknown great men, as war has its Napoleons, poetry its Chéniers, and philosophy its Descartes.

HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

"FAINT heart," hath been a common phrase, "faire ladie never wives."

OLD SONG.

MANY a good hanging prevents a bad marriage.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

MARRIAGE is a feast where the grace is sometimes better than the dinner.

CALEB C. COLTON.

BLESSED their life whose marriage prospers  
well,  
But if things fall out ill, no happiness  
Awaits them, or within doors or without.

EURIPIDES.

SHE who marries secretly is defamed  
openly. ANONYMOUS.

HE underwent the matrimonial torch.

ROBERT BROWNING.

A WOMAN in a single state may be happy  
and may be miserable ; but most happy,  
most miserable — these are epithets belong-  
ing to a wife. SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE.

MARRIAGE is like life in this — that it is a  
field of battle, and not a bed of roses.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

MARRY ! No, faith ; husbands are like lots  
in the lottery : you may draw forty blanks  
before you find one that has any prize in  
him. JOHN WESTLAND MARSTON.

OF all serious things, marriage is the most  
ludicrous.

PIERRE AUGUSTE CARON DE BEAUMARCHAIS.

Too late the husband makes the discovery that, while he has been improving his position in the world without, his wife, engrossed in domestic cares, has contracted the habits and manners of a household drudge.

“*HOUSEHOLD WORDS.*”

A BEVV of mothers, like generals on a campaign, will complain of no fatigue if they can only marry their daughters, not to high-souled and generous men, but to those who have a fortune.

*CANON LIDDON.*

BEING asked why in some kingdoms the king is of age at fourteen, but cannot marry until eighteen, Molière replied: “Because it is more difficult to rule a wife than a kingdom.”

*J. A. BENT.*

THE more a wife loves her husband, the more she corrects his faults.

*CHINESE SAYING.*

MUTUAL love is the crown of wedded bliss.

*WALTER HARCOURT.*

THOSE marriages generally abound most with love and constancy that are preceded by a long courtship.

*JOSEPH ADDISON.*

WER make choice of a dwarf nor a  
er by the one thou shalt beget a race  
nies ; the other will be thy continual  
s and it will yrke thee to hear her talk.

LORD BURLEIGH.

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THE PASSION BEHIND MARRIAGE.

ould not speak lightly of love. It is  
ion that sways most entirely our  
colors our existence, regulates our  
of thought, and inspires and controls  
nds of mind. So diverse and so nu-  
are its aspects, so many its changes, so  
its power, so absolutely does it inter-  
the life, so vitally does it affect hu-  
that to this day poets and moralists,  
ers and teachers, have failed to exhaust  
ject. Even its contradictions will  
material for a volume of common-  
For at one time it is so selfish that  
is only of its own gratification, of its  
suffering, of its own trials and troubles,  
shadows that cross its path, of the  
vexations that disturb the tranquil-  
enjoyment ; at another it will yield  
ing and endure everything for the

beloved object's sake, and welcome the sharpest sacrifices with the heroic spirit of a martyr. . . . It is generous and yet capable of most astounding meanness; trustful and yet vigilantly suspicious; confident and yet timid; humble and yet arrogant. Now it is full of reproaches and complaints; and now it revels in praise and gratitude and tender protestations. . . . Whatever its phases, whatever its heights and depths, whatever its lights and shadows, it forms so large a part of our nature, and plays so large a part in our existence, that it cannot be ignored. It bulks to such an extent in art and literature that it cannot be concealed by any thin veil of conventionality. And yet in the family circle it is seldom spoken of. One might suppose that it was associated with the grossness of indelicacy, from the care with which it is kept out of conversation. How often do fathers speak of it to their sons, or mothers to their daughters? Yet parents must know, and do know, that this reticent affection will not keep their children in ignorance of it; nor do they seem to wish any such ignorance to prevail, if we may judge from their anxiety to promote "desirable

flirtations," and their keenness in looking out for "desirable matches." . . . As an elegant critic has observed : " Only conceive this passion of love," which fathers and mothers seek to ignore, " blotted out from the pages of our first-class poets, from Chaucer, from Spenser, from Shakespeare, from Milton,—what sky without its sun would remain, what an earth without its verdure, its streams, and its flowers." By the light of love, in the young days of the world, blind Homer told the tale of Troy ; by the light of love Milton beheld the pure joys of the bowers of Eden ; by the light of love Shakespeare imagined the story of Florizel and the fair Perdita ; by the light of love Spenser created the legend of the Red Cross Knight and "heavenly Una, with her milk-white lamb" ; by the light of love Tasso sang the mystic strain of "Jerusalem Delivered" ; and by the light of love Petrarch was inspired to pour out in immortal sonnets the praises of his Laura.

W. H. DAVENPORT ADAMS.

## XII.

A YOUNG man married is a man that 's  
marred.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

LET woman learn betimes to serve according  
ing to her destination, for only by serving  
will she at last learn to rule, and attain the  
influence that belongs to her in the house-  
hold.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE.

Now shall not whoso is prudent choose his  
wife

And for his children mates of noble strain?

EURIPIDES.

WHEN I was young myself I did not love  
old women, and cannot hope that now I am  
old a young woman can love me.

SHAIKH SADI.

THEN stopp'd to speak of board and what for  
life

A wife would cost—if he should take a wife.  
Hardly he bargain'd, and so much desir'd  
That we demurr'd.

GEORGE CRABBE.

LOVE that has nothing but beauty to keep it in good health, is in wedlock short-lived, and apt to have ague fits. ERASMUS.

IN choosing a wife, a nurse, or a school-teacher, look to the breed. There is as much in blood in men as in horses.

C. SIMMONS.

You may beat the devil into your wife, but you 'll never bang him out again.

ANONYMOUS.

BOTH wife and mother — faithful wife and tender mother — she bears, like the orange-tree, flowers and fruit together.

W. H. DAVENPORT ADAMS.

REMEMBER, if thou marry for beauty, thou bindest thyself all thy life for that which perchance will neither last nor please thee one year; and when thou hast it, it will be to thee of no price at all.

SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

THE strength of a nation is in proportion to the number of its virtues, that is, of its natural homes, founded upon supreme affection.

JOSEPH COOK.

**CONJUGAL** love should never put on or take off his bandage but at an opportune time.

HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

WHEN Phyllis and Corydon are too much alone, all the little obliquities of character, previously unknown, become conspicuously revealed, and the innocent little game of mutual deception comes abruptly to an end.

**U. CALDWELL.**

IN the enterprise of marriage, if you cannot inspire a woman with love of you, fill her above the brim with love of herself; all that runs over will be yours. CALEB C. COLTON.

No wise man will keep his wife too closely  
pent within the house. MENANDER.

MENANDER.

LOVE, desire, hope, all the pleasing emotions of the soul, rise in the pursuit [of a wife]. JOSEPH ADDISON.

JOSEPH ADDISON.

MARRY me without delay, mother, for my  
face is growing wrinkled.

## **PORTUGUESE PROVERBS.**

AND your marriage maketh an end of many short follies — being one long stupidity.

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

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SHE who ne'er answers till a husband cools,  
Or, if she rule him, never shows she rules,  
Charms by accepting, by submitting sways,  
Yet has her humor most when she obeys.

ALEXANDER POPE.

He is the half part of a blessed man,  
Left to be finished by such as she ;  
And she a fair divided excellence,  
Whose fulness of perfection lies in him.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

THE calmest husbands make the stormiest  
wives.

ANONYMOUS.

MAN has not yet conquered and hu-  
manized his polygamous animal instincts to  
the same extent as woman. It would, for  
the most part, be quite agreeable to him to  
exchange the woman he possesses for a new  
one.

MAX NORDAU.

HER pleasures are in the happiness of her  
family.

JEAN JACQUES ROUSSEAU.

MARRIAGE, at best, is but a vow,  
Which all men either break, or bow.

SAMUEL BUTLER.

As the husband is, the wife is.

ALFRED TENNYSON.

MARRY for love, and you may eventually feel marriage a burden ; marry for any other reason, and you take it up as such from the start.

HENRY ALBRIGHT.

HE who, silent, loves to be with us — he who loves us in our silence — has touched one of the keys that ravish hearts.

JOHN CASPAR LAVATER.

SHE is adorned amply that in her husband's eye looks lovely — the truest mirror that an honest wife can see her beauty in.

J. TOBIN.

WHEN the wife rules the house, the devil is man-servant.

GERMAN SAYING.

WIDOWS are more skilful anglers for husbands than spinsters, and many marry several times. This is a social injustice to the spinster.

LADY COOK.

IN matrimonial affairs she most attracts who longest can refuse.

AARON HILL.

No man can either live piously or die righteously without a wife.

JEAN PAUL RICHTER.

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AN idol may be undeified by many accidental causes. Marriage, in particular, is a kind of counter-apotheosis, or a deification inverted. When a man becomes familiar with his goddess she quickly sinks into a woman.

JOSEPH ADDISON.

DIGNITY and love do not blend well in wedlock, nor do they continue long together.

P. OVIDIUS NASO.

IN every unhappy household look for the offending husband as well as the offending wife.

MRS. JAMES HAROURT.

IN matrimonial enterprises, a woman who wishes to retain her suitor must keep him in the trenches ; for this is a siege which the besieger never raises for want of supplies, since a feast is more fatal to love than a fast, and a surfeit than starvation.

CALEB C. COLTON.

MATRIMONY is proverbially a serious undertaking. Like an overweening predilection for brandy and water, it is a misfortune into which a man easily falls, and from which he finds it remarkably difficult to extricate himself.

CHARLES DICKENS.

FASTEN the bolt and restrain her ; but who  
is to watch over the watchers themselves ?  
The wife is cunning and will begin with  
them. DECIMUS JUNIUS JUVENALIS.

A MARRIED man falling into misfortune is  
more apt to retrieve his situation in the  
world than a single one, chiefly because his  
spirits are soothed and retrieved by domestic  
endearments. JEREMY TAYLOR.

WHEN a Sark-foot wife gets on her broom-  
stick, the dames of Allonley are ready to  
mount. PROVERB.

OF all disparities, that in humor makes the  
most unhappy marriages, yet scarce enters  
into our thoughts at the contracting of them.

JOSEPH ADDISON.

WHERE'ER you see a widow weeping  
In public sight,  
And still in flagrant notice keeping  
Her doleful plight,  
Aye talking of her dear departed, —  
One truth is plain :  
She will not languish broken-hearted,  
But wed again.

CHARLES MACKAY.

THE pocket question obtrudes itself at an alarmingly early period of married life— whoever may be the moneyed member of the new firm. MARION HARLAND.

MARRY young; thus shall thy offspring be well nurtured, and a youthful father's heart shall joy in youthful sons. EURIPIDES.

WHO has not what he loves, must love what he has. COMTE DE BUSSY-RABUTIN.

WHO can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

BIBLE.

THE struggle that Jacob went through with to attain Rachel must have had a romantic impulse as the source of it, or else he would have stopped his long service when he attained Leah. JOEL BENTON.

MATRIMONY,—the high sea for which no compass has yet been invented.

HEINRICH HEINE.

THERE are no marriages in paradise—  
thank Heaven ! ANONYMOUS.

THEY that marry the wind usually seek divorce from the whirlwind.

## MRS. JAMES HAROURT.

NOTHING flatters a man so much as the happiness of his wife; he is always proud of himself as the source of it.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

SHE is a wife who is the soul of her husband. HILOPADESIA.

HILOPADESIA.

**THERE** is a time for love, a time for marriage,  
And eke a time that is too late for either.

TIMON.

ALWAYS say "no," and you will never be married. FRENCH PROVERB.

FRENCH PROVERB.

WHEN a wife has a good husband it is easily seen in her face.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE.

A LIGHT wife doth make a heavy husband.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

To marry is solemnly to submit one's liberty to law, and one's welfare to caprice.

ANONYMOUS.

SHOW me one couple unhappy merely on account of their limited circumstances, and I will show you ten who are wretched from other causes. **SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE.**

NEWSPAPERS give three columns to a divorce, and three lines to a golden-wedding anniversary. **HJALMAR HJORTH BOYESEN, 2d.**

MAMMON wins his way where seraphs might despair. **LORD BYRON.**

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**A NEW WIFE, NEW FRIENDS.**

BUT this is not the worst ; one must be admitted into their familiarity at least, before they can complain of inattention. It implies visits, and some kind of intercourse. But if the husband be a man with whom you have lived on a friendly footing before marriage,— if you did not come in on the wife's side ; if you did not sneak into the house in her train, but were an old friend in fast habits of intimacy before their courtship was so much as thought on,— look about you : your tenure is precarious ; before a twelvemonth shall roll over your head, you shall find your

old friend gradually growing cool and altered towards you, and at last seek opportunities of breaking with you. I have scarce a married friend of my acquaintance, upon whose firm faith I can rely, whose friendship did not commence *after the period of his marriage*. With some limitations, they can endure that; but that the goodman should have dared to enter into a solemn league of friendship in which they were not consulted, though it happened before they knew him,—before they that are now man and wife ever met,—this is intolerable to them. Every long friendship, every old, authentic intimacy, must be brought into their office to be new stamped with their currency, as a sovereign prince calls in the good old money that was coined in some reign before he was born or thought of, to be new-marked and minted with the stamp of his authority, before he will let it pass current in the world. You may guess what luck generally befalls such a rusty piece of metal as I am in these new mintings. Innumerable are the ways which they take to insult and worm you out of their husband's confidence. Laughing at all you say with a kind of wonder, as if you were a queer kind

of fellow that said good things, but an oddity, is one of the ways,—they have a particular kind of stare for the purpose,—till at last the husband, who used to defer to your judgment, and would pass over some excrescences of understanding and manner for the sake of a general vein of observation (not quite vulgar) which he perceived in you, begins to suspect whether you are not altogether a humorist,—a fellow well enough to have consorted with in his bachelor days, but not quite so proper to be introduced to ladies.

CHARLES LAMB.

## XIII.

WHAT woman, however old, has not the  
bridal favors and raiments stowed away, and  
packed in lavender, in the inmost cupboards  
of her heart?

WILLIAM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY.

In ill-matched marriages, the fault is less  
the woman's than the man's, as the choice  
depended on her the least.

MADAME DE RIEUX.

EVEN before the voice of the heart is  
heard, the fancy is prepared to attribute an  
undue preponderance of importance to love  
and marriage.

HENRY ALBRIGHT.

MARRY ! marry ! and who is to manage  
the house?

SPANISH PROVERB.

AH ! whither shall a maiden flee,  
When a bold youth so swift pursues,  
And siege of tenderest courtesy,  
With hope perseverent, still renewes ?

COVENTRY PATMORE.

No heroine can create a hero through love  
of one, but she may give birth to one.

JEAN PAUL RICHTER.

IT is hard to wive and thrive both in a  
year. ALFRED TENNYSON.

A GOOD marriage, if it be really so, rejects  
the company and conditions of love, and  
tries to represent those of friendship.

MICHAEL DE MONTAIGNE.

IF of herself she will not love,  
Nothing can make her.  
The devil take her.

SIR JOHN SUCKLING.

SHALL he, whose whole life has been but a  
nimble succession of escapes from trifling  
difficulties, now broach without doubtings  
that matrimony, where if difficulty beset him  
there is no escape? DONALD G. MITCHELL.

WHY is a widow generally prettier than the  
young girl? Because love has passed over  
her; because love still abides with her; we  
see in her its beautiful traces. In cultivating  
such a power, time has not been wasted.

JULES MICHELET.

MARRIAGE was instituted as a penance for  
the sins of celibacy. ANONYMOUS.

WE 'LL live together like two wanton vines,  
Circling our souls and loves in one another ;  
We 'll spring together, and we 'll bear our  
fruit ;  
One joy shall make us smile and one grief  
mourn,  
One age go with us, and one hour of death  
Shall close our eyes, and one grave make us  
happy. BEAUMONT AND FLETCHER.

I RECEIVED money with her, and for the  
dowry have sold my authority.

T. MACCIUS PLAUTUS.

As long as love prevails in the house, space  
of the breadth of a sword is satisfactory ; as  
soon as it disappears, sixty hand-breadths are  
not sufficient. TALMUD.

HUSBANDS are rarely found  
Save when the funds abound.

FUSINATO.

A WOMAN who, with the knowledge of a  
wife, affects the modesty of a maid.

NINON DE LENCLOS.

“MOTHER, what is marriage?”

“Spinning, bearing children, and crying,  
daughter.”

SPANISH PROVERB.

INJUNCTION to the married :

To be wroth with one we love  
Doth work like madness in the brain.

SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE.

MARRIAGE should combat without respite  
or mercy that monster which devours every-  
thing — habit.

HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

A PERSON'S character is but half formed till  
after wedlock.

C. SIMMONS.

IF I was over-harsh,— the worse i' the wife  
Who did not win from harshness, as she  
ought.

ROBERT BROWNING.

THE true one of youth's love, proving a  
faithful helpmate in those years when the  
dream of life is over and we live in its  
realities.

ROBERT SOUTHEY.

NOR can the soft enchantments hold  
Two jarring souls of angry mould,  
The rugged and the keen.

ISAAC WATTS.

IF thy estate be good, match near home  
and at leisure ; if weak, far off and quickly.

LORD BURLEIGH.

MARRIAGE, indeed, may qualify the fury of  
his passion ; but it very rarely mends a man's  
manners. WILLIAM CONGREVE.

IN love, the only way to resist temptation  
is sometimes to succumb to it.

MADAME DE CHOISEUL.

NOT the marriage of convenience nor the  
marriage of reason, but the marriage of love.  
All other marriage, with vows so solemn, with  
intimacy so close, is but acted falsehood and  
varnished sin. EDWARD BULWER LYTTTON.

I WILL not marry a wife to be my master.

MARCUS VALERIUS MARTIALIS.

No pot so ugly as not to find a cover.

ITALIAN PROVERB.

WHAT the married forget :

Love has no age ; it is always in birth.

BLAISE PASCAL.

IN marriage as in other states content-  
ment is better than riches.

J. B. POQUELIN MOLIÈRE.

IN a home where the wife is the daughter  
of a God-fearing man the husband has God  
for a father-in-law. TALMUD.

QUARRELS often arise in marriages when  
the dowry is excessive. AUSONIUS.

A HAPPY marriage has in it all the pleasure  
of friendship, all the enjoyments of sense and  
reason, and indeed all the sweets of life.

JOSEPH ADDISON.

MARRIED in haste we may repent at leisure.  
WILLIAM CONGREVE.

God's universal law  
Gave to the man despotic power  
Over his female in due awe,  
Nor from that right to part an hour,  
Smile she or lour. JOHN MILTON.

MANY a harmless old bachelor would be  
an unbearable nuisance as a married man.

ANONYMOUS.

WHEN men enter into the state of mar-  
riage, they stand nearest to God.

HENRY WARD BEECHER.

A HUSBAND is always a sensible man : he  
never thinks of marrying. A. DUMAS *père.*

THE heart of a marriageable young woman in love is a golden sanctuary which often enshrines an idol of clay. PAULIN LIMAYRAC.

WHEN we have finished with the juvenile part of love's warfare, we yet take pleasure in looking on at the mischievous little god tormenting the youngsters.

ROBERT CHAMBERS.

To marry once is a duty ; twice a folly ; thrice is madness. DUTCH PROVERB.

WHAT hath the married life but strifes and plagues  
For proper dispensation ?

ROBERT BROWNING.

ONE of the good things that come of a true marriage is, that there is one face on which changes come without your seeing them ; or rather there is one face which you still see the same, through all the shadows which years have gathered upon it.

GEORGE MACDONALD.

MARRIAGE is a romance until the book is open. True, the preface is sometimes amusing, but it never lasts long, and it is always deceptive.

A. POINCELOT.

I KNOW the sum of all that makes a man  
— a just man — happy consists in the well-  
choosing of his wife ; and then well to dis-  
charge it does require equality of years, of  
birth, of fortune. PHILIP MASSINGER.

OH, the heart that once truly loves never  
forgets,

But as truly loves on to the close ;  
As the sunflower turns on her god when he  
sets

The same look that she turned when he  
rose. THOMAS MOORE.

WEDDED bliss requires not so much proofs  
as expressions of love ; it demands little more  
than the power to feel and requite love.

WALTER HARCOURT.

HE who contemns wedlock, like a wasp,  
wanders an offence to the world, lives upon  
spoil and rapine, disturbs peace, steals sweets  
that are none of his own, and by robbing the  
hives of others, meets misery as his due re-  
ward. FELTHAM.

MARRIED folk are wont to forget that to  
love is to be useful to yourself; to cause  
love is to be useful to others.

PIERRE JEAN DE BÉRANGER.

HYMEN comes after love, as smoke after flame. SÉBASTIEN ROCH NICOLAS CHAMFORT.

IN marriage love may be the heart's romance, but pleasure is its history.

M. DR BIÈVRE.

LET her make herself her own,  
To give or keep, to live and learn, and be  
All that not harms distinctive womanhood.

ALFRED TENNYSON.

To doubt in wedlock is to dip love in the mire. J. M. BARRIE.

Is it strange that a wife is invincible,  
whose armory consists of kisses, smiles, sighs,  
and tears? --- T. C. HALIBURTON.

IN the career of female fame, there are few prizes to be obtained which can vie with the obscure state of a beloved wife or a happy mother. JANE PORTER.

SOME go so far as to say, "No one marries but repents." ANONYMOUS.

MEN are generally more careful of the breed of their horses and dogs than of their children. WILLIAM PENN.

A POOR beauty finds more lovers than husbands.

GEORGE HERBERT.

IN aristocratic countries the object of marriage is rather to unite property than persons.

ALEXIS DE TOQUEVILLE.

It is nothing — they are only thrashing my husband.

PORTUGUESE SAYING.

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THE ONLY EXCUSE FOR MARRIAGE.

IT is not, however, to old saws alone that we are called upon to yield credence. Isaac, who had his wife brought home to him on a camel and married her a few hours after sight, made no complaints of his fortune. Boaz, who was persecuted into marriage, honest man, by a young woman in want of a settlement, made an eminently happy marriage. Of Jacob's two wives, poor Leah, whom he never dreamed of marrying till he found himself lying beside her the morning after the nuptials, proved by all accounts the more amiable wife of the two. And to pass from sacred history to profane, we do not read that the matches which the Sabine women, clapped up on such short notice,

and with such slender ceremony, proved less happy than the subsequent marriages of Rome. In fêtes-champêtres, picnics, and pleasure excursions, we find those which are extempore always the more agreeable. Where the pleasure comes unlooked for and the mind has not been worked up to impossible expectations, or jaded with anticipations of pleasure, it is naturally sweeter. So it may be with marriage. After wandering, however, in retrospect over all the possible methods of entering into this holy and mysterious state, we always recur to the natural portal, love, as the most natural. It is appointed unto all men once to marry, and after marriage — well, that's the business of nobody but the married couple. Everything in life commences with passion and headlong enthusiasm, to fade by degrees into insipidity and commonplace. Equal laws are achieved by popular commotions ; they are enjoyed in utter forgetfulness of their existence. In childhood the mere consciousness of existence is rapture ; in mature years we require something to live for — some conserve to give a relish to the dry-bread of life. It is a uniform and pervading law of

nature, and must be submitted to in marriage, as in everything else. Marry, then, for love, in God's name, all who are fools enough to marry! Love is the only apology for such an absurd step, — burning, overmastering passion, fusing two beings into one ; satisfied with nothing short of a perpetual struggle to attain such an intermixture of soul, body, and interests as nature has rendered unattainable ; this alone can justify the tying of the knot which may not be unloosed. It is madness, but it is a madness which is in the order of nature, and must be undergone.

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## XIV.

GOOD women grudge each other nothing,  
save clothes, husbands, and flax.

JEAN PAUL RICHTER.

THERE is no middle course, no mediocrity in marriage. He who does not take firm and powerful possession of his wife, is neither respected nor beloved by her.

JULES MICHELET.

LARGE settlements in marriage make a woman independent, and a rebel of course.

SAMUEL RICHARDSON.

A MARRIAGE of love is pleasant ; a marriage of interest, easy ; and a marriage where both meet, happy.

JOSEPH ADDISON.

OH, what was love made for, if 't is not the same,  
Through joy and through torment, through glory and shame?

THOMAS MOORE.

HE preferred his old wife to immortality.

HOMER.

WEDLOCK is like a besieged fortress : those who are outside wish to get in, and those who are inside wish to get out.

ARABIAN PROVERB.

WOMEN are shy of nothing so much as the little word "Yes"; at least they say it only after they have said "No."

JEAN PAUL RICHTER.

To love a wife when living is a pleasure ;  
to love her when dead is an act of religion.

STATIUS.

WHEN a woman wears the breeches, she has a good right to them.

AMERICAN PROVERB.

WEDDED she was some years, and to a man  
Of fifty, and such husbands are in plenty ;  
And yet, I think, instead of such a one  
'Twere better to have two of five-and-  
twenty.

LORD BYRON.

O MARRIAGE ! marriage ! what a curse is thine where hands alone consent, and hearts abhor !

AARON HILL.

THE American girl of to-day seldom takes the responsibility of offspring into her matrimonial plans.

MARION HARLAND.

THE Christian religion, by confining marriage to the pairs, and by rendering that relation indissoluble, has by these two things done more towards the peace, happiness, settlement, and civilization of the world than by any other part in this whole scheme of Divine wisdom.

EDMUND BURKE.

MARRIAGE is often but *ennui* for two.

PHILIBERT COMMERSON.

IT is to be feared that they who marry where they do not love will love where they do not marry.

THOMAS FULLER.

MARRIAGE is full of care.

THEOCRITUS.

THEY that marry old people merely in expectation of burying them, hang themselves in the hope that some one will come and cut the halter.

THOMAS FULLER.

TEN times faster Venus' pigeons fly  
To seal love's bonds new-made, than they  
are wont  
To keep obliged faith unforfeited.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

HE draws a good wagonful into his farm  
who gets a good wife.

DUTCH MAXIM.

"T WAS a good world when such simplicitie was used, sayes the old women of our time, when a ring of a rush would tye as much loue together as a gimmon of golde.

ROBERT GREENE.

A THOUGHT for the married :

If we love those we lose, can we altogether lose those we love ?

WILLIAM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY.

WHAT a tender, delicate wife, mused I, such flashing, flaming flirt must in the end make ; — the prostitute of fashion ; the bauble of fifty hearts idle as hers ; the shifting makepeace of a stage scene ; the actress, now in peasant, and now in princely petticoats !

DONALD G. MITCHELL.

IN wedlock friendship is often love without its flowers or veil. MARY ELIZABETH WHITE.

MARRIAGE communicates to women the vices of men, but never their virtues.

ÉDOUARD FOURNIER.

CAUTION :

Love is like a landscape which doth stand,  
Smooth at a distance, rough at hand.

ROBERT HEGGE.

HE is the father whom the marriage rites  
point to as such. COMMON LAW.

**MARRY** in preference to all other women  
one who dwells near thee. ANONYMOUS.

EASY-CRYING widows take new husbands  
soonest ; there's nothing like wet weather  
for transplanting.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

WE have sought to make our marriage tie  
stronger by taking away all means of dissolving  
it ; but the more we have tightened the  
constraint, so much the more have we relaxed  
and detracted from the bond of will  
and affection. MICHAEL DE MONTAIGNE.

HEARTS don't break. That is what  
You would call a — “a Chestnut.”

AMÉLIE RIVES.

WEDDING is great Juno's crown ;  
O blessed bond of board and bed !  
'T is Hymen peoples every town ;  
High wedlock then be honorèd.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

ONCE thou art wed, no longer canst thou  
be lord of thyself. ALEXIS.

LOVE not told,  
And only born of absence and by thought,  
With thought and absence may return to  
naught. JEAN INGELOW.

WIVES are grown traffic, marriage is a trade,  
And when a nuptial of two hearts is made  
There must of moneys too a wedding be.

THOMAS RANDOLPH.

IT goes ill with the house when the hen  
crows and the cock is silent.

SPANISH PROVERB.

MARRIAGE at first, like a knock on the  
elbow, is peculiarly painful, but the pain lasts  
only a little while. LOPE FELIX DE VEGA.

NOR money, but character is the best dowry  
of a wife. TALMUD.

HE who makes a bad marriage never  
escapes from his troubles. FIRENZUOLA.

IN marriage better a fortune in a wife than  
with a wife. PROVERB.

A SMART man wants a wife warranted not  
to be smarter than he is, and a dull man  
wants a wife duller than a great thaw.

MARY DEAN.

WHOSO a wealthy heiress longs to wed,  
Or pays in full the vengeance of the gods,  
Or, being happy, wishes for misfortune.

MENANDER.

WE ought to die when we are no longer loved.

MADAME SOPHIE GRAY.

As concerning marriage . . . there almost always happen a thousand intricacies in it, to unravel enough to break the thread, and to divert the current of a lively affection.

MICHAEL DE MONTAIGNE.

LOVE ranges about in all thoroughfares ;  
conjugal fidelity dwells by herself alone.  
Love comes to meet you with quick footstep ;  
conjugal fidelity will be sought out.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE.

'T IS most annoying that the law should frown  
If we change husbands as we change a gown.

J. B. POQUELIN MOLIÈRE.

A HUSBAND who fears his wife is foolish,  
but a woman who does not fear her husband,  
a thousand times more foolish.

CHINESE SAYING.

MARRIAGE is the nursery of heaven.

JEREMY TAYLOR.

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IN their matrimonial bickerings they were, upon the whole, a well-matched, fairly-balanced, give-and-take couple.

CHARLES DICKENS.

MARRIAGE is not a union merely between two creatures—it is a union between two spirits; and the intention of that bond is to perfect the nature of both.

FREDERICK W. ROBERTSON.

WHERE there exists the most ardent and true love, it is often better to be united in death than separated in life.

VALERIUS MAXIMUS.

IN the long run it is with a profession as with marriage: we cease to remark anything but its drawbacks. HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

Too often in marriage, when love is satisfied all the charm of it is gone.

PIERRE CORNEILLE.

FOR what is wedlock forced but a hell,  
An age of discord and continual strife?  
Whereas the contrary bringeth bliss,  
And is a pattern of celestial peace.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

MANY candidates for marriage regard themselves as farmers regard cucumbers : as soon as they are big enough they are old enough.

ANONYMOUS.

FAIR will thy life be if thou art unwed.

MR NANCY.

FOR a man to match above his rank, is but to sell his liberty.

PHILIP MASSINGER.

LOVE is a disorder that has three stages, — desire, possession, satiety. Hence unhappy marriages.

SENAC DE MEILHAN.

NAE man can thrive unless his wife will let him.

SCOTCH PROVERB.

MARRIAGE on earth seems such a counterfeit, Mere imitation of the inimitable.

ROBERT BROWNING.

THIS one went out for truths like a hero, and at last he secured a little dressed-up lie. He calleth it his marriage.

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE.

MARRIAGE is the best of all human societies. We cannot live without it, and yet we do nothing but decry it.

MICHAEL DE MONTAIGNE.

**MARRIAGE** is like a voyage at sea — it reveals character, it shows others what manner of men and women we are. **LADY COOK.**

IT is not essential to happy wedlock that a man of genius should marry a woman of equal genius ; but it is essential that a man of pure mind and cultivated taste should find the same qualities in the woman he takes to his bosom.

**W. H. DAVENPORT ADAMS.**

**WHEN** I am old, and weary of the world,  
I may grow desperate, and take a wife  
To mortify withal. **THOMAS OTWAY.**

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**PROFESSIONAL VERSUS NON-PROFESSIONAL.**

A PROFESSIONAL's love will feed on food as unsubstantial as the chameleon's. The color of his lady's hair will keep it in good condition for a month ; the perfume she affects, the turn of her lip, the pink nail with its half-moon, the delicate finger, her smile, and the little foot, so neat and shapely, — nay, even the ribbons she prefers, her shawl, and her bonnet, — will be as robust diet as it

will need in the earlier days of its existence. You will never meet a professional lover among the educated classes who has not made an artistic study of his mistress, and who does not know every line of her face and every change of her countenance. He would be only a bungling journeyman else, incapable of all the fine work of his profession. But this gives a certain poetic charm to a woman's intercourse with him, which few fail to appreciate, appealing as it does to that vague sentiment which all women possess, and the want of which they so sadly complain of in men of business and of actual life. Thus, then, the first step in professional love-making is artistic admiration, the profound knowledge of every personal peculiarity, sliding into the respectful adoration of a devotee and the spiritual appreciation of a poet. It is a long, slow step, but sure and irremovable. Every day sees the smallest possible advance in his suit ; and every day is an advance. As nothing is left to chance, the progress of each week is mapped out months ago. . . . It is so delicious to hear those dumb, inarticulate thoughts of ours, struggling confusedly within our brains,

brought forth and set in due shape and order by the one who makes himself the hierophant of the mysteries of our being ; who interprets us so as to make us seem almost a new creation. Talk of flattery ! Our coarse personal compliments deserve as little to be called so by the side of this supreme essence of flattery as an Irish stew to be called cookery by the side of the carte of the Maison Dorée. . . . When this heroic love and spiritual devotion have been carried out to a sufficient limit, and when monotony would soon begin to take the place of constancy, the professional lover advances another step. He offers pleasures in place of spiritualities. . . . In the beginning the unknown and the mute found a revealer and an interpreter, and the *femme incomprise* was understood "for the first time in her life." In the second stage, the *femme ennuée, desolée, triste*, was amused. . . . The third,— ah ! the gray that will mingle with the shining locks of youth ! the autumn that must come after the springtide promise and the summer gladness ! the waning moon that will turn into darkness ! the fading professional love that cannot learn friendship, and

to attain a second growth, another youth !  
The third : the term of doubt, of suspicion,  
of jealousy, of dictation, of quarrellings, of  
weariness, of hatred, of separation ; yes, this  
third term comes too, inevitable as storms  
after tropical heat ; and then the game is  
played out, the drama is acted to the end,  
the idol is displaced, the queen dethroned,  
and after a few hours of tears and a few days  
of grief the —

Hearts so lately mingled seem  
Like broken clouds — or as the stream  
Which smiling left the mountain's brow,  
As though its waters ne'er should sever,  
Yet ere it reach the plain below,  
Breaks into floods that part forever.

“ **HOUSEHOLD WORDS.**”

## XV.

MARRIAGE, if truth be told (of this be sure),  
An evil is — but one we must endure.

MENANDER.

A LONG course of hopes and expectations  
fixes the idea in our minds, and habituates  
us to a fondness of the person beloved.

JOSEPH ADDISON.

MARRIAGE is sometimes only a long quarrel.  
ANONYMOUS.

WHEN it pleaseth their deities to take the  
wife of a man from him, it shows to man the  
tailors of the earth ; comforting therein that  
when old robes are worn out there are mem-  
bers to make new. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

IF love live on hope, it dies with it ; it is  
a fire which goes out — as in many marriages  
— from want of fuel. PIERRE CORNEILLE.

A RICH man's wooing is seldom long of  
doing. SCOTCH SAYING.

THE world can give no richer boon than a wife who is at once lover, companion, friend.  
W. H. DAVENPORT ADAMS.

NEGLECTED beauty now is prized by gold ;  
And sacred love is basely bought and sold.  
THOMAS RANDOLPH.

THE aspirant for matrimonial honors should bear in mind that no quality is so likely to win a woman whose heart is truly feminine as force of character. MARIE HENRI BEYLE.

MIGHT I have had my own will, I would not have married Wisdom herself, if she would have had me. But 't is not to much purpose to evade it : the common custom and usance of life will have it so.

MICHAEL DE MONTAIGNE.

NEVER marry a widow unless her first husband was hanged. OLD MAXIM.

THE happy minglement of hearts  
Where, changed as chemic compounds are,  
Each with its own existence parts  
To find a new one happier far.

THOMAS MOORE.

ONE should believe in marriage as in the immortality of the soul. HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

I OFTEN wonder what a good, pure woman promises herself when she proposes to entwine her clean life with one that is scarred, seamed, and blackened. MARION HARLAND.

If idleness be the root of all evil, then matrimony is good for something, for it sets many a poor woman to work.

SIR JOHN VANBRUGH.

HAIL, wedded love, mysterious law, true source of human offspring. JOHN MILTON.

THE very nearest approach to domestic happiness on earth is the cultivation on both sides of absolute unselfishness. MAXIM.

FEW unmarried people are affected as they ought to be towards the public good, and perceive what are really the most important objects in life. PHILIP MELANCHTHON.

OH ! for a curse upon the cunning priest,  
Who conjur'd us together in a yoke  
That galls me now.

EDWARD ASKEW SOTHERN.

ALAS ! for the wedded :—  
Love henceforth must dwell with sighs ;  
Joy was left in Paradise.

ARTHUR GRAY BUTLER.

OUR good wife sets up a sail according to  
the keel of her husband's estate ; and if of  
high parentage, she doth not so remember  
what she was by birth, that she forgets what  
she is by match.

T. FULLER.

NE'ER tak' a wife till ye ken what to do wi'  
her.

SCOTCH PROVERB.

O CURSE of marriage,  
That we can call these delicate creatures  
ours,  
And not their appetites.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

THE husband who 'd surprise is often much  
surprised.

FRANÇOIS MARIE AROUET DE VOLTAIRE.

OH, give me that love, undivided and whole,  
Which wakens with life and expires with the  
soul,  
That true woman's love, and in turn I 'll  
adore.

BARALLI.

CHOOSE not a base and uncomely creature  
altogether for wealth ; for it will cause con-  
tempt in others and loathing in thee.

LORD BURLEIGH.

IT is a delightful thought that, during the familiarity of constant proximity, the heart gathers up in silence the nutriment of love, as the diamond, even beneath water, imbibes the light it emits. JEAN PAUL RICHTER.

WERE numerous as his hairs a husband's eyes,  
A wife's deceit would every watch surprise.

ARIOSTO.

FRIENDSHIP makes more happy marriages than love does. ANONYMOUS.

MARRIAGE is a human society, and . . . all human society must proceed from the mind rather than the body.

JOHN MILTON.

. . . Makes marriage vows  
As false as dicers' oaths.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

So mourned the dame of Ephesus her love,  
And thus the soldier, arm'd with resolution,  
Told his soft tale, and was a thriving wooer.

COLLEY CIBBER.

TRUE conjugal love fears no winter. No, no ! its spring is and ever remains.

LUDWIG TIECK.

CUPID is ever a rogue, and whoever trusts him is deceived.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE.

THERE is not so much comfort in having children as there is sorrow in parting from them.

PROVERB.

I HAVE seen a pocket marry off a hump-back, a twisted foot and sixty winters' fall of snow upon his head, while a pocketless Adonis sighed in vain for Beauty's glance.

MARION HARLAND.

SAVE the love we pay to heaven, there is none purer, holier than that a virtuous woman feels for him she would cleave through life to.

SHERIDAN KNOWLES.

GIVE me, next good, an understanding wife,  
By nature wise, not learned by much art.

SIR T. OVERBURY.

GOD has set the type of marriage everywhere throughout the creation. Each creature seeks its perfection in another. The very heavens and earth picture it to us.

MARTIN LUTHER.

A YOUNG wife is an old man's post-horse  
to the grave.

GERMAN MAXIM.

FOR still where the strong is betrothed to the weak,  
And the stern in sweet marriage is blent with the meek,  
Rings the concord harmonious, both tender and strong.

FRIEDRICH VON SCHILLER.

FROM my experience, not one in twenty marries the first love ; we build statues of snow, and weep to see them melt.

WALTER SCOTT.

No woman is educated who is not equal to the successful management of a family.

THOMAS HUGHES.

THERE is more of good nature than of good sense at the bottom of most marriages.

HENRY D. THOREAU.

THE gods alone know what sort of wife a man will have.

DECIMUS JUNIUS JUVENALIS.

THOU goest to woman? Remember thy whip!

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE.

MARRY above your match, and you get a master.

PROVERB.

EVERY effort is made in forming matrimonial alliances to reconcile matters relating to fortune, but very little is paid to the congeniality of dispositions, or to the accordance of hearts. JEAN BAPTISTE MASSILLON.

WHAT concentrated joy, or woe, is blessed  
or blighted conjugal love !

MARTIN FAROUHAR TUPPER.

THE landlady said them that married for money didn't deserve the blessin' of a good wife.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

THE death of your first wife made such a hole in your heart that all the rest slip in.

**ANONYMOUS.**

I SAY therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. ST. PAUL.

ST. PAUL.

OH, how hard it is to find  
The one just suited to our mind !  
And if that one should be  
False, unkind, or found too late,  
What can we do but sigh at fate  
And sing woe 's me — woe 's me

THOMAS CAMPBELL.

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THE next domestic trial we went through was the Ordeal of Servants.

CHARLES DICKENS.

IN wedlock a heart once poisoned by suspicion has no longer room for love.

AUGUST VON KOTZEBUE.

MARRIAGE laws, aquatic relationship, and kingly government belong, in the order of development, to recent times.

BISHOP MCLELLAN.

THERE is no permanent love but that which has duty for its eldest brother; so that if one sleeps the other watches, and honor is safe.

ADOLF WILHELM THEODOR STAHR.

FAMILY life has interminable chains, deep anguish, and horrible responsibilities.

GEORGE SAND.

HUSBAND and wife should never both be angry at once.

MAXIM.

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**MARRIAGE IN FICTION.**

IF we study the love affairs of which we see the origin, the growth, and the culmina-

tion, in a happy marriage or in some obtrusively *éclatant* catastrophe in the society around us, we will find that, as a rule, the affair proceeds according to this general plan : A gentleman pays particular attention to some one young lady, as is obligatory upon him by sitting next to her at table, or by the exigencies of the dance. The lady then experiences a certain sense of satisfaction at the effect — usually very much exaggerated — produced by her person, and her vanity thus flattered disposes her to an amiable and responsive frame of mind, which in turn is misinterpreted by the gentleman self-loved. At this point the work of chance comes to an end, and the suggestion of fiction begins to make itself felt. Both he and she have experienced a slight impulse of attraction, the imagination perfects it, the memory invokes all the images of famous lovers ; all the poems, love-letters, and confessions of love which they have read bestir themselves and start to the pen and to the lips ; they become more and more inspired, more and more impassioned in the erotic rôles they have commenced to play ; and finally they appear before the altar, where

invisible to all, a crowd of authors of fiction extend their hands in benediction upon the heads of the wedded pair, whom they alone have brought together. Afterwards it only too frequently becomes evident that Thecla has entrusted the rôle of her Max to some one entirely incompetent to fill it, or the reverse, and then another drama is played, which is also the work of the suggestion of some poet — perhaps one of crime and divorce, perhaps of separation, or a convent romance. But the whole matter is almost always a phonographic love, in which the male and female faithfully repeat, in their metallic Punch-and-Judy voices, the words spoken into them, as into Edison's ingenious instrument by the romancers beforehand.

MAX NORDAU.

## XVI.

'T is night ; yet hope no slumbers with your  
    wife ;

The nuptial bed is still the scene of strife.

DECIMUS JUNIUS JUVENALIS.

A POOR wedding is a prologue to misery.

ANONYMOUS.

OH, fool, he seizes not the true moment  
in the moment who has what he loves before  
his eyes, and does not secure it in wedlock.

AUGUST, COUNT VON PLATEN.

JOHN is not John until he is married.

MARION HARLAND.

MARRY and grow tame.

SPANISH PROVERB.

NATURE before grace in the election of a  
wife, because it will be a hard task where the  
nature is peevish and froward, for grace to  
make an entire conquest while life lasteth.

BISHOP HALL.

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THE good wife is none of our dainty dames, who love to appear in a variety of suits every day new; as if a good gown, like a stratagem in war, were to be used but once.

THOMAS FULLER.

HAS any one ever pinched into its pilulous smallness the cobweb of pre-matrimonial acquaintanceship?

GEORGE ELIOT.

MAKE choice of him who recommends himself to you by his life as well as address.

SENECA.

OUR Maker bids increase; who bids abstain  
But our destroyer, foe to God and man?

JOHN MILTON.

HUSBAND and wife should never talk at one another, either alone or in company.

MAXIM.

THEY who marry give hostages to the public that they will not attempt the ruin or disturb the peace of it. FRANCIS ATTERBURY.

MARRIAGE, according to the existing system, is, with many women, the first step toward demoralization — the initial step to Avernus — from which there is no retreat.

LADY COOK.

THOSE bent on wedlock should know that  
kisses are pledges and incentives of love.

CHARLES COTTON.

THE man who weds a wife of higher birth,  
Or great possessions, knows not how to wed.  
For what the wife brings thus the house will  
rule,

Her spouse no more a free man but a slave.

EURIPIDES.

A WIFE is essential to great longevity ; she  
is the receptacle of half a man's cares, and  
two-thirds of his ill-humor. CHARLES READE.

'T IS ill to marry in the month of May.

P. OVIDIUS NASO.

LET still the woman take  
An elder than herself ; so wears she to him,  
So sways she level in her husband's heart.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

MARRY for love and work for siller.

SCOTCH PROVERB.

THOUGH matrimony may have some pains,  
celibacy has few pleasures. SAMUEL JOHNSON

COOL and unimpassioned marriages are  
uniformly the fruit of interested views—  
means to an end.                    HENRY ALBRIGHT.

TOM hinting at his dislike of some trifle his mistress had said, she asked him how he would talk to her after marriage if he talked at this rate before. JOSEPH ADDISON.

MARRIED life appears to me a sort of philosophical discipline, drawing persons to honorable duties, worthy of the good and wise. PHILIP MELANCHTHON.

SHOULD erring nature casual faults disclose,  
Wound not the breast that harbors your  
    repose;  
For every grief that breast from you shall  
    prove  
Is one link broken in the chain of love.

JOHN LANGHORNE.

SHE half consents who silently denies.  
P. OVIDIUS NASO.

THE first sign of the degeneration of a race is the gradual breaking up of the home-idea. HJALMAR HJORTH BOYESEN, 2d.

A MAN is newly married who tells his wife everything. ANONYMOUS.

EVEN the most cunning one buyeth his wife in a sack. FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE.

Love will be helpful to me more and more  
I' the coming course, the new path I must  
tread,  
My weak hand in thy strong hand, strong for  
that. ROBERT BROWNING.

IN love the heavens themselves do guide the  
state ;  
Money buys lands, and wives are sold by fate.  
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

WIVES are unhappy sometimes from no fault of their husbands — from their own.  
THOMAS HARDY.

THE land of marriage has this peculiarity, that strangers are desirous of inhabiting it, while its natural inhabitants would willingly be banished from thence.

MICHAEL DE MONTAIGNE.

FOR domestic happiness husband and wife  
should each strive to yield oftenest to the  
wishes of the other. MAXIM.

MARRIAGE in our days is nothing but  
deceit. COUNT LYOF N. TOLSTOI.

CONJUGAL love, like men, dies oftener of excess than hunger. JEAN PAUL RICHTER.

THE first quarrel that goes the length of any harsh or contemptuous language is an unfortunate epoch in married life, for that the delicate respectfulness being thus once broken down, the same kind of language much more easily comes afterwards. JOHN FOSTER.

EARLY marriages are permanent moralities ; deferred marriages are temptations to wickedness. HENRY WARD BEECHER.

HAPPY the man whom thus his stars advance ! The curse is general, but the blessing chance. THOMAS PARNELL.

EVERY man in the time of courtship, and in the first entrance of marriage, puts on a behavior like my correspondent's holiday suit. JOSEPH ADDISON.

DECEIVE not thyself by over-expecting happiness in the marriage state. Look not therein for contentment greater than God will give or a creature in this world can receive,—namely, to be free from all inconveniences. THOMAS FULLER.

LOVE, that in wedlock seldom gives us happiness, at least makes us dream of it.  
ÉTIENNE PIVERT DE SÉNANCOUR.

THERE are times when it is well for a man to escape from himself, from the captivity of anxious or engrossing thought, and it is a true wife's true love to which he must look for rescue.                  W. H. DAVENPORT ADAMS.

MARRIAGE hath in it the labor of love, and the delicacies of friendship, the blessing of society, and the union of hands and hearts.

JEREMY TAYLOR.

AH, gentle dames ! it gars me greet,  
To think how mony counsels sweet,  
How mony lengthen'd sage advices,  
The husband frae the wife despises.

ROBERT BURNS.

IN youth it is too early, in old age it is too late to marry.                  DIOGENES.

IN the home we never can willingly offend where we sincerely love.                  ROWLAND HILL.

I HAVE observed so few happy matches, and so many unfortunate ones, and have so rarely seen men love their wives at the rate they did whilst they were their mistresses, that I wonder not that legislators thought it necessary to make marriages indissoluble, to make them lasting.                  ROGER BOYLE.

KEEP your eyes wide open before marriage ; half-shut afterwards.

AMERICAN PROVERB.

THE matrimonial halter.

DECIMUS JUNIUS JUVENALIS.

WHAT a poor creature is the woman who, inspiring desire, does not always inspire love and reverence.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE.

SOLE partner, and sole part of all my joys, dearer thyself than all. JOHN MILTON.

I PROFESS not to know how women's hearts are wooed and won. To me they have always been matters of riddle and admiration.

WASHINGTON IRVING.

MAKE haste when you are purchasing a field, but when you are to marry a wife be slow.

ANONYMOUS.

MISSES ! the tale that I relate  
This lesson seems to carry  
Choose not alone a proper mate  
But proper time to marry.

WILLIAM COWPER.

MARRYING sounds well, but tastes ill.

PORTUGUESE PROVERB.

IN marriage if you possess anything very good, it makes you eager to get everything else good of the same sort.

RICHARD BRINSLEY SHERIDAN.

HANDSOME widows after a twelvemonth enjoy a latitude and longitude without limit.

HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

A WIFE that flees her husband's house, does wrong :

Her male friend's interference looks amiss.

ROBERT BROWNING.

THE wife was pretty, trifling, childish, weak ;  
She could not think, but would not cease  
to speak.

GEORGE CRABBE.

EVERY man would like to have an Ophelia  
or a Desdemona for his wife.

SAMUEL T. COLERIDGE.

#### MATRIMONIAL TESTIMONY MISLEADING.

MR. EMERSON speaks somewhere of the "illusions" attendant on love and marriage ; and numerous facts seem to authorize his use of that word in that manner. Those who love and marry expect to be happier for it. Sometimes this expectation is proved

illusory in a few months, a few weeks, even a few days. When a few years have passed there is open evidence in many cases that the union does not accomplish the happiness of either party. In cases not a few actual wretchedness to both parties seems to spring from, to be created by that very union to which both looked with joyful anticipations. And who can say how many cases of this sort exist among the decorous couples who give no signs of dissatisfaction with each other? Who can say how many of the matches which run through a routine of respectable quietude to the very end are cases in which respectability or expediency or conviction based on principle has caused one partner or both to decide on "making the best of a bad bargain"? If all the evidence could be got in, perhaps the case would appear worse than it does now. Perhaps, on the other hand, it would appear better than it does now. But all the evidence is not and cannot be got in. Even when both parties are disposed openly to complain and to speak ill of each other, he would be a very confident man who, having heard both, should suppose himself fully in possession of

the case ; and in a vastly greater number of instances, the reticence of one or both parties will prevent a true estimate of the difficulty from being formed, either by their neighbors or by any third person whatever. Marriage is in one respect like death. Outsiders can have but a conjectural knowledge of it. Testimony, being the contribution of partial knowledge in the witness, is as likely to mislead when applied to any new case as to direct aright. One can know only by trying. And even the trial, instead of supplying a rule whereby to measure all cases, may only show one side of one case. The difficulties, then, about marriage, are real, serious, extensive, complicated. No wonder that many people have applied themselves to the task of contriving a remedy for those difficulties and even a substitute for marriage itself. Only by serious and careful thought can such a remedy or substitute be found. But some of the aspirants for the honor and glory of solving this mystery talk as if they had never heard the saying, "out of the frying pan into the fire."

C. K. WHIPPLE.

## XVII.

MA uster allays say, “ Don’t fool with  
widowers, grass nor sod.”

ALICE CALDWELL HEGAN.

HE loves her as himself, but honors her  
more than himself. TALMUD.

A SENATOR of Rome while Rome survived  
would not have matched his daughter with a  
king. JOSEPH ADDISON.

THERE is no more pitiable object in the  
world than an irresolute husband in an argu-  
ment with his wife on the necessities of  
spring outfits. HENRY KIRKLAND.

MARRIAGE is hell and heaven.

GERMAN PROVERB.

HUSBANDS must give to their wives love,  
maintenance, duty, and the sweetness of con-  
versation ; and wives must pay to them all  
they have or can with the interest of obedi-  
ence and reverence. JEREMY TAYLOR.

MARRIAGE is often the *dénouement* of comedies ; tragedy is often the *dénouement* of marriage.

J. DE FINOD.

A HAPPY union with wife and child is like the music of lutes and harps.

CONFUCIUS.

MARRIED men, especially if having posterity, are the deeper sharers in that state wherein they live, which engageth their affections to the greater loyalty.

THOMAS FULLER.

THE kindest and the happiest pair  
Will find occasion to forbear ;  
And something, every day they live,  
To pity and perhaps forgive.

WILLIAM COWPER.

MARRIAGE is an institution invented by the devil as a penance for mortals.

HOWARD HENSHAW.

EARLY marriages are to be deprecated, especially for men.

ANONYMOUS.

Not whom you marry, but how much you marry, is the real question among the Hon. Tom Shuffletons of every age.

E. P. WHIPPLE.



THE treasures of the deep are not so precious as are the concealed comforts of a man locked up in woman's love ; I scent the air of blessings when I come but near the house.

THOMAS MIDDLETON.

MEN want wives conspicuously inferior to themselves.

MARY DEAN.

THE majority of marriages are probably what the world calls prosperous, because deception continues to the last, not because they are really that intimate alliance of fit souls and cognate spirits which the idea of wedlock supposes.

W. H. DAVENPORT ADAMS.

PRUDENT men woo thrifty women.

GERMAN PROVERB.

SHE was n't a bad wife, but she had a temper. If she could have parted with that one article at a sacrifice, I would n't have swopped her away in exchange for any other woman in England.

CHARLES DICKENS.

ERRORS of wives reflect on husbands still.

JOHN DRYDEN.

THAT wife is an enemy who is given to a man in marriage against her will.

T. MACCIUS PLAUTUS.

You grow twin of heart and purpose.  
 Smiles seem made for marriage; and you  
 wonder how you ever wore them before.

DONALD G. MITCHELL.

MARRIAGE is of a date prior to sin itself —  
 the only relic of paradise that is left us — a  
 smile of God on the world's innocence, lin-  
 gering and playing still upon it.

HORACE BUSHNELL.

HYMEN gets blamed for a great deal of  
 trouble and mischief for which he really is  
 not responsible. WILLIAM CHAMBERS.

TEMPTING gold alone,  
 In this our age more marriages completes  
 Than virtue, merit, or the force of love.

WANDESFORD.

CERES and Bacchus are warm friends of  
 Venus. P. TERENTIUS AFER.

TIME, which deadens hatred, secretly  
 strengthens love. JEAN PAUL RICHTER.

To mak' a happy fireside clime  
 To weans and wife,  
 That's the true pathos and sublime  
 O' human life.

ROBERT BURNS.

HEAVEN, we think, would have made neater  
jobs than most marriages are. "CYNIC."

THE happiness of married life depends  
upon making small sacrifices with readiness  
and cheerfulness. JOHN SELDEN.

EVERY one sings as he has the gift, and  
marries as he has the luck.

PORtUGUESE PROVERB.

We talk of just a marriage, if you please —  
The every-day conditions and no more.

ROBERT BROWNING.

"ONE man, one woman," is surely as fair  
a cry as "One man, one vote."

LADY COOK.

THERE cannot be any great happiness in  
the married life except each in turn give up  
his or her own humors and lesser inclinations.

SAMUEL RICHARDSON.

LET me recommend young girls to shun  
the man who is, even when making love,  
wrapped up in himself and his own pursuits,  
instead of being able to throw his mind into  
their occupations, or to sympathize with their  
feelings.

CHAPERON.

THE first wife is matrimony; the second,  
company. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

**AN UNSCOLDED WIFE, like an uncut millstone,  
does not go easily.** ROUMANIAN PROVERB.

THE Spaniards have it that a buxom widow must either be married, buried, or shut up in a convent. JUDGE HALIBURTON.

**A PRUDENT wife is from the Lord.**

BIBLE.

**H**e that would the daughter win  
Must with the mother first begin.

ANONYMOUS.

MARRIAGE was first celebrated by God himself; and thus religion blessed her two children, and led them forth into life to begin its wondrous history. HORACE BUSHNELL.

I SCENT the air  
Of blessings when I come but near the house.  
What a delicious breath marriage sends forth !  
The violet bed 's not sweeter.

## THOMAS MIDDLETON.

A HUSBAND is a plaster that cures all the  
ills of girlhood. J. B. POQUELIN MOLIÈRE.

WEDLOCK 's a saucy, sad, familiar state,  
Where folks are very apt to scold and hate ;  
Love keeps a modest distance, is divine,  
Obliging, and says ev'rything that 's fine.

DR. WOLCOT.

THE number of the Sacraments they fix  
At seven, but, with the Pope's permission,  
I should prefer to call them six,  
For only one are marriage and contrition.

PANANTI.

CEREMONY, solemnity, and publicity are  
doubtless excellent in their way. But the  
foundation of the matter is in the heart.

JULES MICHELET.

CELIBACY, like the fly in the heart of an  
apple, dwells in perpetual sweetness, but sits  
alone and is confined and dies in singularity.

JEREMY TAYLOR.

EITHER marry very young or turn monk  
very young.                  MODERN GREEK PROVERB.

SOMETIMES the parties fly asunder in the  
midst of courtship, and sometimes grow cool  
in the very honeymoon.                  JOSEPH ADDISON.

MAN and wife coupled together for the  
sake of strife.                  CHARLES CHURCHILL.

IN matters of marriage the one who transgresses never grants pardon.

MADEMOISELLE LECLERC.

I CHOSE my wife as she did her wedding gown, for the qualities that would wear well.

OLIVER GOLDSMITH.

HOWEVER old a conjugal union, it still garners some sweetness. Winter has some cloudless days, and under the snow a few flowers still bloom.      MADAME DE STAËL.

WEDLOCK is a sedative of the most delicate constitution.      HOWARD GRANT.

To sit, happy married lovers,—  
Phyllis trifling with a plover's  
Egg, while Corydon uncovers  
With a grace the Sally Lunn,  
Or dissects the lucky pheasant —  
That I think, were passing pleasant  
As I sit alone at present,  
Dreaming darkly of a dun.

CHARLES STUART CALVERLEY.

HANGING and wiving go by destiny.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

THE wife is the key of the house.

PROVERB.

A BACHELOR, to be sure, has a marvellous advantage in this; and with the tenderest susceptibilities once anchored in the bay of marriage, there is little disposition to scud off under each pleasant breeze of feeling.

DONALD G. MITCHELL.

'T IS a precious thing when wives are dead,  
To find such numbers who will serve instead.

GEORGE CRABBE.

IT is not good that the man should be alone.

BIBLE.

HE knows little who will tell his wife all he knows.

T. FULLER.

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POSSESSION KILLS ROMANCE.

WHAT, then, is the real truth in this most unnecessarily fussed-about question of marriage and romance? Simply this—that, as a complaint, the popular saying that with marriage the romance of life is over is base, but that, as an approximate statement of fact, it must be accepted. A moralist who wants a text for a homily, or a rhetorician who seeks a pretext for a flourish, or a prig who is fumbling for some nice distinction to

stand upon so that he may look over others' heads — either of these may put his own signification upon the word "romance" and forthwith be wise, eloquent, or superior, to his heart's content; but when any reasonable common mortal, neither base of heart nor crotchety of brain, says that with marriage the romance of life is over, he means two things: first, that the mystery and anticipation (and it is those elements which are the soul of "romance") of the sweetest of human relationships are over when the relationship is an accomplished fact; second, that in the conventional model of connubial life there are circumstances of sordidness and vulgar familiarity which interfere with every individual ideal and are felt to be accidental and not necessary, though one may not see his way to slipping them off. Can either of these clauses be fairly challenged? With regard to the former it amounts simply to saying that you cannot experience a first realization twice over. Is it disputed that there is a charm, a freshness, a "romance" about the early stages of love which cannot survive a certain point? Dispute it if you please — you only rob Peter

to pay Paul. What is the good of talking so much bliss away from courtship and laying it on to wedlock? There *is* the bliss, a fact confessed by all men and all women in all ages, a bliss peculiar to "love's young dream," and conventionally known as "the romance of life." With realization it vanishes. If you choose to carry it over to the account of wedlock you do something quite arbitrary. The thing that is, *is*; and as the American writer says about the opening passages in "Maud," "What's the use of screaming at the calm facts of the universe?" "But wedlock has its own peculiar bliss." Ah, pardon me! That is another proposition. It is what the popular doctrine that the romance of life passes away after marriage does not at all deny. It is quite incontestable and brings us to the second of the above clauses. The statement that with marriage the romance of existence is gone may be taken as an accusation, if you please. It may be taken to mean that there is so much that is sordid and base in the customary method of married life that the spring blossoms and summer flowers of emotion are rudely brushed away at once, instead of giv-

ing place by degrees to the hazy golden tints of autumn and the gray solemnities of winter. I shall not go into this subject. It is not merely that Strephon now sees Sylvia in curl papers, and Sylvia wakes to find Strephon snoring ; from shocks like these, affection recovers itself (I quote the beautiful words of a friend of mine) shaking with pleasant laughter, like a bowed osier. But the vulgar sense of possession takes the place of the solicitude and tremblings of unguaranteed affection, and both parties presume upon the certainty of the situation. . . . As things go romance does *not* exist in the wedlock of the millions, nor can it.

PHILOSOPHER.

## XVIII.

WHENEVER I see a new-married couple more than ordinarily fond before faces, I consider them as attempting to impose upon the company or themselves; either hating each other heartily, or consuming that stock of love in the beginning of their course which should serve them throughout their whole journey.                   OLIVER GOLDSMITH.

HER gentle spirit  
Commits itself to yours to be directed,  
As from her lord, her governor, her king.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

HE who fain would marry, in choice  
should not tarry.                   GERMAN PROVERB.

THE foundation of the modern marriage is mutual love, and its result is the home in the highest sense of the word.

HJALMAR HJORTH BOYESEN, 2d.

MARRIED am I :  
Text whereon friendly censor burst to preach.  
ROBERT BROWNING.

It's pleasant to see fine young girls sittin' like shop-keepers behind their goods, waitin' and waitin' and waitin', 'n' no customers, — and the men lingerin' round and lookin' at the goods like folks that want to be customers, but have n't the money.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

THERE is no earthly happiness exceeding that of a reciprocal satisfaction in the conjugal state. H. GILES.

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MARRIAGE hath in it less of beauty, but more of safety, than the single life ; it hath more care, but less danger ; it is more merry and more sad ; it is fuller of sorrows and fuller of joys.

JEREMY TAYLOR.

A good wife is like the ivy which beautifies the building to which it clings, twining its tendrils more lovingly as time converts the ancient edifice into a ruin.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

HONEST men marry soon, wise men not at all.  
FRENCH PROVERB.

## FRENCH PROVERB.

OUR meeting hearts  
Consented soon, and marriage made us one.

NICHOLAS ROWE.

OH, how they swear to heaven and the bride  
They will be kind to her and none beside.  
And to themselves, the while in secret swear  
They will be kind to ev'ry one but her.

JOHN CROWNE.

IF marriages are made in heaven, you had  
but few friends there. SCOTCH PROVERB.

A FAITHFUL wife becomes the truest and  
tenderest friend, the balm of comfort, and  
the source of joy; through every various  
turn of life the same. RICHARD SAVAGE.

THE reason why so few marriages are  
happy is because young ladies spend their  
time in making nets, not in making cages.

JONATHAN SWIFT.

THE amity that wisdom knits not, folly  
may easily untie. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

I 'LL marry and eat the prime of the pot  
and sit down first. SPANISH PROVERB.

CUPID is blind to everything save pin  
money. PUNCH.

IN the election of a wife, as in a project of  
war, to err but once is to be undone forever.

THOMAS MIDDLETON.

I FIRMLY believe that any one who could invent or suggest a really desirable method of spending a honeymoon would be a great benefactor to his species.      U. CALDWELL.

MAIDS are May when they are maids, but the sky changes when they are wives.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

THERE are smiles and tears in that gathering band,

Where the heart is pledged with the trembling hand.

HENRY WARE, JR.

THE ring makes marriage, and rings make a chain.

FRIEDRICH VON SCHILLER.

HUMBLE wedlock is far better than proud virginity.

ST. AUGUSTINE.

HUSBAND, husband, cease your strife,

Nor longer idly rave, sir;

Tho' I am your wedded wife,

Yet I am not your slave, sir.

ROBERT BURNS.

A SHIP captain is a good man to marry if it is a marriage of love, for absences are a good influence in love and keep it bright and delicate.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

A HAPPY marriage is a new beginning of life, a new starting-point for happiness and usefulness.

A. P. STANLEY.

To deal plainly, if they only married when they fell in love, most people would die unwed; and among the others, there would be not a few tumultuous households.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

IN the husband wisdom, in the wife gentleness.

PROVERB.

LOOK after your wife! never mind yourself,—she'll look after you.

LONDON "TRUTH."

JOHN GILPIN kiss'd his loving wife;  
O'erjoyed was he to find  
That, though on pleasure she was bent,  
She had a frugal mind.

WILLIAM COWPER.

ALL the molestations of marriage are abundantly recompensed with other comforts which God bestoweth on them who make a wise choice of a wife.

THOMAS FULLER.

COURTSHIP is one thing and marriage is another in his code.

MARION HARLAND.



HE that would have fine guests, let him  
have a fine wife. SAMUEL JOHNSON.

MARRYING is easy, but housekeeping is  
hard. PROVERB.

OH, how many torments lie in the small  
circle of the wedding-ring !

COLLEY CIBBER.

MARRIAGES are made in heaven.

PROVERB.

NOTHIN' like a wife for nussin' sick folks  
and them that could n't take care of them-  
selves. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

SUCH a large sweet fruit is a complete mar-  
riage, that it needs a very long summer to  
ripen in, and then a long winter to mellow  
and season it. THEODORE PARKER.

THE hour of marriage ends the female reign !  
And we give all we have to buy a chain.

JOHN CROWNE.

MARRIAGE is a civil contract ; people marry  
to better their worldly condition and improve  
appearances ; it is an affair of house and fur-  
niture, of liveries, servants, equipage, and so  
forth. CHARLES DICKENS.

MARRIAGE with a good woman is a harbor  
in the tempest of life ; with a bad woman it  
is a tempest in the harbor. J. P. SENN.

ACROSS the threshold led,  
And every tear kissed off as soon as shed,  
His house she enters, there to be a light,  
Shining within, when all without is night.

SAMUEL ROGERS.

LOVE bears within its breast the very germ  
Of change ; and how should this be other-  
wise ? LORD BYRON.

WHERE there 's marriage without love, there  
will be love without marriage.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

THE lady being poor and you poor also,  
there is an end of the matter.

CHARLES DICKENS.

IT is with a man in love as with a sparrow  
caught in bird lime ; the more he struggles  
against marriage, the more he is entangled.

FRENCH PROVERB.

SOBER moralists revenge themselves for  
not being married too . . . by reflecting  
that these people little think such happi-  
ness can't last. CHARLES DICKENS.

DURING courtship, be it long or short, is it not a fact that both Phillis and Corydon, with the best intentions in the world, are acting a part as much as if they were assisting in private theatricals?     U. CALDWELL

**MARRIAGE** an evil is, that men desire,  
And he who makes his plans to take a wife,  
Is travelling along repentance' path ;  
For whoso married is, is aye a slave.

TRISSINO.

TALK six times with the same single lady and you may get the wedding dresses ready.

LORD BYRON.

**MARRIAGE** comes unawares like a soot-drop.

IRISH PROVERB.

IT is no use telling a man who is timorous on these points that it is one plunge and all is over.

CHARLES DICKENS.

**MARRIAGE** is a treaty in which the conditions should be mutual.

HONORÉ DE BALZAC.

THOU shalt find it, to thy great grief, that there is nothing more fulsome than a she-fool.

LORD BURLEIGH.

IT is very difficult accurately to ascertain the exact feelings of a bridegroom after some weeks of affectionate surveillance, for on such subjects he maintains a discreet and honorable silence.

U. CALDWELL.

You cannot pluck roses without fear of thorns,  
Nor enjoy a fair wife without danger of horns.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

FOR whom does the blind man's wife adorn herself?

SPANISH PROVERB.

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COUNTERBLAST AGAINST MARRIED FOLK.

HORACE GREELEY once wrote a regular married folks' pamphlet called "The Ideal Man and the Ideal Woman," in which he sought to prove that woman ought to be contented, forgetting that the mere fact of her discontent proved something wrong. Greeley's ideal man performed great tasks with vast delight and in the most scientific manner. His ideal woman painted pictures, practised music, and did housework, and was not in the least interested in the politics

of the present, nor of the mighty past, nor in public affairs of any sort. She was a *petite morveuse*. You can imagine what sort of music she would play—"The Battle of Prague," without putting any spirit even into "The Groans of the Wounded and Dying"; and what sort of pictures she would paint—papery cabbage roses and insufferable horrid baskets of strawberries—upset, always upset. It would be dreadful to live in the same house with her, impossible to refrain from scolding her and abusing her pictures and music. Oh, give me a woman of *nous*—one who loves dominion and would grasp the ballot if she could, from the tobacco chewers and rum-sellers of this raw nation. Don't begin to get tired: I am not. Woman sits like a dog at the table of man, taking whatever he gives her; and an impudent dog he thinks her if she takes it discontentedly. She depends on man for all she has. She is a parasite and an incumbrance in her own family. She would like a different arrangement, but is not allowed to alter things. Still she must endure contumely on account of this arrangement—men's talk, books, newspapers constantly

containing contemptuous allusions to her condition. This is vexatious. Men should be pleased with their own construction of society, though women are not; but men are not pleased with it, and they blame women for their own dissatisfaction. The man most anxious to keep women dependent is the most common complainer about the burdens of domestic life; it is he who keeps up this perpetual growl about bills and extravagance. The man who is loudest in denouncing woman's rights is the identical individual who complains so of woman's silliness, incompetence, and extravagance. You would not expect the man who, with Mrs. Skewton, wants "more heart" and not so much strong-mindedness around, and thinks the "sphere" big enough for any woman, to speak contemptuously of the "sphere"; but he does. He says there is no need of his wife spending the money she does on housekeeping, and if she does not hasten to say she is tired to death at night, he wants to know what she has been doing all day, and why she has not done a multitude of other things. He declares she has nothing to do but enjoy herself. He accuses

her of whining ; he finds fault with her weakness ; he despises her incompetence ; and yet he is furious when you aver that she ought to be as potent and as self-sustaining as he is.

MARY DEAN.

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